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Rates to be pegged by law in curb on big spenders

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

A legal rates ceiling is to be imposed on consistently high-spending councils, the Government announced yesterday in a White Paper clearly aimed at controlling up to twenty Labour city councils.

The limit will apply first in April 1985 and if a council tries to levy a rate above the legal maximum, ratepayers will not have to pay. The White Paper also proposes a general power allowing the Government to set a maximum for every council in England and Wales.

The move was condemned yesterday by the Conservative Association of County Councils, which said it threatened the "very essence of local democracy. It promised a campaign against the Bill which is to be introduced early next year.

Sir Jack Smart, leader of the predominantly Labour Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said it was a black day for democracy.

No councils are named in the White Paper, but it is clear that the Government is aiming to control up to twenty Labour councils, including the Greater London Council, the boroughs of Camden, Lambeth and Southwark, Sheffield, Newcastle and most of the metropolitan counties.

Councils in Scotland, which have been a fruitful source of examples for the government, have their rates controlled after they are levied. There is no suggestion in England and Wales that councils would have to repay money to ratepayers, but the Department of the Environment could insist that rates are lowered in future years.

But rates could rise significantly next year before the new powers are introduced. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, in a separate announcement yesterday, said their spending targets for 1984-85, councils exceeding the target will suffer rate support grant penalties and may be tempted to push up their rates in consequence.

Some Labour councils face a target estimated at 12½ per cent below their present outlays and even Mr Jenkin acknowledged: "These targets are undeniably tough."

The Government is asking low spending councils to make do with a 3 per cent increase in their cash outlays in the next financial year, and councils say that after allowing for inflation and salary increases that means a 3½ per cent spending cut in real terms. High spending councils are asked to spend 6 per cent less in cash, described by the metropolitan authorities as "wholly unattainable."

The White Paper represents the Government's conclusions on the need for rates reform. It says that after widespread consultation, the Government found no consensus on an alternative to rates, although there will be minor reforms to the system.

Commercial and industrial property is to be revalued for the first time since 1973 and rating of empty factories will be abolished. Domestic property may also be revalued, though probably not until the end of the decade. Councils will have to consult local business interests before making their rate.

On the new rates ceiling, Mr Jenkin said that the Government could no longer ignore "the deep sense of grievance felt by many ratepayers about excessive expenditure and rate levels."

Since 16 councils accounted for 75 per cent of the amount by which councils' 1983-84 budgets exceed Government plans, those were the primary targets. But Mr Jenkin warned other councils to pay heed. He had no wish to use the general rates capping powers, but would if necessary.

Mr Jenkin is to exclude from consideration for initial rate capping all councils with budgets of less than £10m a year. That means that 275 of the 296 English non-metropolitan councils are excluded and most of those left in are Labour controlled, such as Swindon (Thamesdown). This concession may reduce opposition from the Conservative controlled Association of District Councils, whose leader, Mr Ian McCallum, yesterday talked of "big brother."

"The Government has adjusted its spending plans to be more realistic" about council spending. Provision for current expenditure in 1984-85 is being increased to £20,500m, 3 per cent more than originally planned.



Outward bound: The Duchess of Kent at Heathrow airport with her son, Lord Nicholas Windsor, aged 13, en route for a two-week private stay in Canada. "I'm feeling fine", she said in answer to questions about her health.

Thatcher may face operation on eye

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will learn tomorrow whether she faces an operation on a damaged right eye.

The Prime Minister, who was disclosed yesterday, received treatment over the weekend for what Downing Street described as "minor damage" to the retina, the light sensitive coating at the back of the eye in which the optic nerve terminates, had become separated and she had had treatment to reattach it.

Mrs Thatcher, who has been advised by her doctors to rest and has cancelled all but the most essential work, will be seen again by her eye surgeon tomorrow, when a decision will be taken on whether further treatment, including laser surgery is necessary.

The cause is uncertain but Dr John Henderson, Mrs Thatcher's personal physician, said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher had complained about the problem at the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace last Wednesday, when she had rubbed her eye rather vigorously after feeling irritation.

Downing Street said last night that Mrs Thatcher thought she had a bit of dust in her eye at that party, although she did not know if that was the reason.

Dr Henderson said Mrs Thatcher had seen "unfused" by it all. Surgery would be considered tomorrow if an examination showed that there had been no improvement. If the specialist was not satisfied with progress "the only thing to do is some sort of gluing on process." He said Lasers were sometimes used to plaster the retina back into its proper position.

Downing Street, which declined to give details of where the treatment had taken place or who had carried it out, said last night: "We hope the treatment has been successful. We have no reason to assume it will not be."

Dr Henderson said that Mrs Thatcher was "slightly bored" at having her work interrupted. Although she did not have a heavy work schedule this week, she postponed interviews with magazines.

Mrs Thatcher's vision was not impaired, Downing Street said, and she was not wearing an eye-patch or dark glasses, or in discomfort.

Our Medical Correspondent writes: It would appear that Mrs Thatcher probably has a small tear in her retina.

As a person ages the vitreous jelly inside the eye contracts. If this jelly is firmly attached to the retina traction can cause tearing and the jelly can then seep into the sub-retinal space and cause detachment.

12 injured in North Sea oil rig explosion

By Jonathan Davis

At least 12 people were injured last night when an explosion started a fire on a production platform in the Forties field, the second largest oil field in the North Sea.

The injured rig workers were airlifted from the Forties Delta platform to another production platform in the field, and six were then flown to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

British Petroleum, the operator of the field, said that the fire was still burning after the explosion. The families of those injured were being informed, a spokesman said.

The fire started at 5.15pm. It is believed to have been caused by a gas blowout during production drilling. The Forties field has four production platforms, each accommodating more than 150 people.

BP said the fire was still burning late in the evening but had been brought under control.

At the time of the blast there were 141 workers on the platform. Six of the injured were taken to the medical unit of a nearby production platform.

A BP official said: "We must call this a serious accident. It has not happened on the Forties or on any of our platforms before. It is impossible to say how long the platform will be out of production."

"Fortunately the accident will not affect output from the other three platforms in the field."

Delta, like the other three platforms in the field, all owned by BP, is a production platform, permanently anchored to the site and is not an exploration platform.

It is the first serious accident on the field since production started in September 1975.

Shore urges stronger conventional forces

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Peter Shore last night included a call to strengthen Britain's conventional forces in a proposed major revision of what he called the Labour Party's "seriously flawed" non-nuclear defence policy.

He made a robust and long statement of his position on defence and disarmament, taking him further away from the party stance than any of the other Labour leadership candidates.

He said Labour's pledge to remove not just cruise but all American bases, its unconditional abandonment of Polaris and the commitment to reduce conventional armaments had not been acceptable on June 9 and it would not be acceptable when the party faced the electorate again.

Attacking the "despairing and negative unilateralism" of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Mr Shore said armed forces and weapons existed to defend Britain's independence.

"I have considerable confidence in our alliance (Nato) but I am not prepared now or in the uncertain future to place our fortunes, our independence in the hands of another power," he said.

Recalling the battle in the late 1950s of Aneurin Bevan with the left over unilateralism, Mr Shore said that if elected leader he would not send his Foreign Secretary "naked into a conference chamber."

Mr Shore, speaking in Lambeth, London, said Labour could not indulge in the false confidence that Britain was immune from Soviet encroachment.

The Russians sought influence, power and acquiescence and increasingly they did so from a position of strength, he said.

Mr Shore distinguished between positive and negative unilateralism.

Positive and creative unilateralism was the willingness to give a lead, to refuse to increase existing nuclear arsenals in the hope that others would follow.

But this would not mean abandoning existing nuclear weapons, including Polaris. Further policy developments would depend on "the response to our initial moves."

Negative unilateralism sought to strip Britain unconditionally of all nuclear weapons. It was the unilateralism of a neutralist and powerless Britain.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the leadership front-runner said in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, last night that Labour would ensure that savings in pension funds were channelled into rebuilding industry and the public services, and that would mean taking control of the City and stopping the flow of capital overseas.

Mr Michael Meacher, a candidate for the deputy leadership, said yesterday he was confident he could break the Kinnock-Hattersley "dream ticket" for the leadership and deputy leadership. Meacher profile, page 2. Leading article, page 11.

Britons tell of holiday terror in Sri Lanka

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

Tour operators have set up contingency plans to evacuate British tourists from Sri Lanka if racial violence gets worse.

Among one of the largest tour operators, which has 38 Britons still in the country, has a chartered jet standing by to airlift holidaymakers to safety in the Maldives Islands.

Plans for the rescue were revealed as 41 Britons flew into Heathrow from Colombo. The holidaymakers, who all booked with Knott, said they were relieved to be home and spoke about the violence that has engulfed the island.

They were staying at the Ramwell holiday centre, five miles outside Negombo.

Mr John Hutchinson, from Leicester, said: "Last Wednesday a taxi driver took us both into Negombo just before curfew and the whole town was smouldering. All the Tamil property in the centre of the town had been burnt down. The cigarette factory had gone up together with a cinema and a garage. There was smoke everywhere and the whole area was a burnt-out mess."

"The houses of rich Tamils had been burnt to the ground and there was no sign of any families anywhere. We were told that families were being grabbed off buses by groups of people wielding iron bars."

"We also saw young Sinhalese stopping cars to siphon out the petrol so they could use it to start fires."

Mr Pat O'Leary, from Killarney, who has been working for five weeks in Colombo for the Port Authority, said: "I saw a lot of buildings being burnt. People were being dragged out of their houses and then the houses burnt down."

"I watched a group of Sinhalese people chasing a

Sultan dismisses Crown Agents

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

The Sultan of Brunei, one of the world's richest men, has dismissed Britain's Crown Agents from their long-standing role as manager of Brunei's multi-billion pound investment portfolio.

The Crown Agents were abruptly informed "last week" that the Sultan has decided to establish an independent Brunei Investment Agency before the end of the year to manage the bulk of his country's accumulated oil and gas wealth.

The move comes just five months before Brunei is scheduled to achieve full independence from Britain, although a Foreign Office spokesman denied last night that it was linked to the continuing dispute between Britain and the Sultan over future defence arrangements for the sultanate.

It seems likely however to have serious financial consequences for the Crown Agents, the controversial Government agency which hit the headlines in the 1970s when it lost £180m through dubious property investments.

Reports that the Sultan is being advised by two American

Boy among 16 victims of typhoid

By a Staff Reporter

Fifteen Britons, including a boy aged three, are now known to have typhoid after returning from a holiday in Greece, but the total number of victims could be 22.

It has also been confirmed that one man has picked up the disease after a holiday in Portugal.

The boy, Simon Booth, of Leeds, is the latest confirmed victim among those who stayed at the Ramira Beach Hotel on Kos. His condition was described as improving at Seacroft Hospital, Leeds. A woman from the Guiseley area of Leeds is also at the hospital with the disease.

Of the other confirmed cases, a young man, a woman and a middle-aged man come from Greater Manchester, three people are from Kent, two from Hertfordshire, two from Nottingham, and one each from Birmingham, south London and Newport in Gwent.

The cases have all been confirmed by doctors, but the Department of Health is awaiting the results of tests.

Dr Richard Fairhurst, who flew to Kos to investigate the outbreak on behalf of seven tour companies, was not nearer finding the cause yesterday. He emphasized the importance of taking a course of inoculations before visiting the island.

Meanwhile it emerged that another party of British tourists had suffered stomach cramps and diarrhoea in Samarkand, on top of the 29 people in the same party as Dr Lawrence Reece, who died on Saturday.

Out of the 27 people from the second party, at least 10 are believed to be still ill, and the Department of Health confirmed that three from Dr Reece's party are still unwell.

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New language of conciliation in White House

US more hopeful of Latin American peace

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration is growing increasingly optimistic about events in Central America. It believes that its allies in the region - Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala - hold the key to early peace talks with left-wing forces.

Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, echoed the new language of conciliation being used by senior Administration officials when he asserted that there were "some encouraging signs" of a possible diplomatic solution. "We are not sending troops into combat in Central America," he said. "We are not trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan Government."

The Administration is making strenuous efforts to distract attention from its show of military strength in Central America. This month 19 warships, 13,500 naval officers and

Mr Robert Michel, the Republican leader in the House of Representatives, gave a blunt warning that he would oppose any attempt to increase the number of US advisers in El Salvador.

His opposition is all the more important because previously he has been a staunch supporter of Administration policy in Central America. "There is apprehension and fear out there on the part of the American public," he said. "We don't want to get far out in front."

The remarks by Mr Bush - coupled with optimistic and conciliatory comments by Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, and one of the principal architects of Administration policy in Central America - are designed to allay fears of US military involvement in the region.

men, 4,000 military personnel and a substantial array of military hardware will start arriving in the region for "exercises."

The build-up is causing some alarm in the higher levels of the Republican Party. Yesterday



Mr Bush: 'not sending troops into combat'

Main London stations seen as candidates for railways sell-off

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

The Secretary of State for Transport, Mr Tom King, has told rail unions that he envisages large-scale private investment in British Rail in the next few years.

Candidates for privatization include parts of London's main railway termini: Liverpool Street, Broad Street, Fenchurch Street, Victoria, Waterloo, and Kings Cross, where comprehensive redevelopment, including shopping centres and luxury restaurants, is expected. Catering services and the Sealink shipping subsidiary are also in line for the same treatment.

While Mr King declined to comment on specific services, such as Victoria to Warwick, he is in favour of introducing private capital into the railway operation where feasible. He emphasized in his confidential discussion with the unions last week that in such cases there would be no "rip-off" of public assets. Investors would be required to pay for full market

price for any rail asset, providing funds to plough back into those parts remaining with British Rail.

Mr King told the unions that the Government has no master plan for the future of the railway and is not committed to any particular size of rail network.

He has not yet reached any decision on electrification of the East Coast main line from London to York, Newcastle and Edinburgh. While he was "not unsympathetic" to electrification, the investment needed would have to be justified by the financial results of the business concerned, in this case Inter-City.

British Rail's last plan for Inter-City was rejected in the spring because it failed to meet Government's demand for a 5 per cent return. A revised plan is due in the autumn. It will be based on British Rail's new corporate plan which foresees a profitable Inter-City business, and a reduction in the Government's subsidy from about £300m to £700m over the next five years.

That would be achieved by shedding 7,000 more staff than the 13,000 already proposed and by further rationalization.

Mr King in effect repudiated the "balance sheet of change" agreed between the rail unions and the Management when Mr Norman Fowler was Secretary of State for Transport, in which tranches of investment in the railways were held out as the reward for union agreement to productivity measures such as flexible rostering, one-man operated trains and abolition of marshalling yards.

He made clear that the only guarantee of future rail performance was adequate performance by the railways in the market place, by winning passengers and freight and, except for specifically subsidized services such as South-east computer routes making a satisfactory financial return.



Royal helmsman: Prince Edward with Mr John Terry in Spanish Lady taking part in the National Flying Fifteen class at Cowes yesterday. They came ninth in the race. The Duke of Edinburgh came twelfth.

UDR accused by O'Faich of murdering youth

By Richard Ford

The killing of an unarmed Roman Catholic youth by a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) was described as murder at his funeral yesterday by Cardinal Tomás O'Faich, Primate of All Ireland.

He said that there were particularly suspicious circumstances surrounding the shooting of Martin Malone in Armagh city on Saturday, particularly as it came after the deaths of three other unarmed Roman Catholics there in the last 18 months.

Cardinal O'Faich said that he had "strenuously condemned the murder of four members of the Ulster Defence Regiment in this diocese. How can one pronounce the deliberate killing of a member of this force as murder and the deliberate killing of an unarmed bystander by a member of this force as anything less than murder?"

Mr Malone, aged 18 and one of a family of 11, died after being shot at close range after an argument and scuffle between a UDR patrol and people it was questioning on a Roman Catholic housing estate.

Speaking at Mr Malone's funeral in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, the Cardinal added that the Pope had said in the diocese four years ago that he prayed nobody would ever call murder by any other name but murder. Cardinal O'Faich was critical that he and others were still "completely in the dark" six months after calling for full inquiries into the deaths of three other unarmed people. About 1,400 mourners heard a statement from five priests saying that they had no confidence in any investigation by the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC).

The statement asked why the UDR patrol left the scene immediately after the killing, and why it took four hours for the RUC to appear.

A squad of detectives set up to investigate the killing has questioned the patrol, but no one has been suspended from duty or charged.

Doubts on AUEW's TUC seat claim

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Confidential membership figures produced for leaders of the engineering workers' union suggests that the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW) is claiming a seat on the TUC General Council to which it is not entitled.

The AUEW engineering workers' section, dominated by moderates, has been affiliated to the TUC on a membership of 1,001,000, which takes it over the one-million threshold sanctioning four automatic seats on the labour movements' ruling body. But an internal survey of the union's 2,407 branches carried out two months ago discloses that total audited membership had already fallen to 944,055 by December 31, 1982, the qualifying date for TUC purposes.

TUC officials are expected to investigate the apparent discrepancy which, if made known by the May 31 closing date for the supply of union statistics,

Training scheme under fire

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The Government's £1,000m Young Training Scheme (YTS) will be the subject of bitter criticism at this year's TUC conference.

One motion likely to gain substantial support calls for the TUC to reconsider its involvement in the scheme.

The motion, from the National Graphical Association, declares that the scheme is "totally inadequate" to alleviate the drastic plight of the young unemployed.

It states: "Congress recognizes that the Government is using these schemes, not only as a means of cynically manipulating unemployment figures, but also to break the link between the pay of apprentices and trainees and that of skilled workers."

The National Union of Teachers will also present a motion expressing "deep concern" over alleged exploitation of the scheme by employers.

The union says that the guidelines laid down by the Manpower Services Commission (MSC), the body administering the scheme, are in many cases being flouted.

The National Union of Teachers is concerned that arrangements for monitoring and evaluating courses are "wholly inadequate", that the schemes are being submitted without evidence that union approval had been sought and that the quality of training available in some schemes is low.

The NGA's action is likely to win support of two of Britain's most powerful white-collar unions, the National Association of Local Government Officers and the Civil and Public Services Association, both of whom have declared their opposition.

Colleges blamed for unpaid foreign fees

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Stung by allegations that Nigerian students owe up to £5m in college fees, the Nigerian High Commission yesterday accused British colleges of failing to provide information to enable the money to be paid.

Mr Ezekiel Dimka, the acting High Commissioner, refuted the allegations and ended by saying: "We would like to appeal to all illegal institutions operating in Britain which depend solely on fees from Nigerians to exist to stop conniving with unscrupulous Nigerians to subvert the Nigerian foreign exchange regulations."

The institutions referred to are some private colleges which cater for Nigerian students. However, the registration system for private institutions operated by the Department of Education and Science was ended in 1980.

Mr Dimka said that it was up to universities, polytechnics and colleges to give the High Commission personal details (names, courses and sponsors), of Nigerian students in order to have foreign exchange released by the central bank. The London School of Economics, Reading Southampton and Sussex universities, King's College, London and Preston, Hatfield and Oxford polytechnics, and the Polytechnic of North London have refused to do this.

The reasons given were that the information was confidential or that there was not the administrative resources.

Aston University said last week it was owed about £100,000 by Nigerian state governments, and its registrar, Mr Keith Houghton, said that with 5,000 Nigerian students studying in Britain as much as £3m in fees could be owing.

Nigerian officials said yesterday that the figure was a gross exaggeration, but they did not know how much was owed. They denied that the debts were connected with restrictions on foreign exchange for Nigerians studying abroad.

A survey by the United Kingdom Overseas Students Association this year, which received replies from 90 institutions, found that £1.5m was owed by Nigerian students.

As a result, some students at Aston are having their degree results withheld. West Bromwich College of Commerce and Technology has expelled Nigerian students.

Journalism gets first professor

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr John Dodge, director of information at the Inner London Education Authority, has been appointed to run the journalism course at the City University in London. He will be the first professor of journalism in Britain.

Mr Dodge, aged 53, who was director of the National Council for the Training of Journalists for eight years, hopes to turn the City University into a centre for journalism courses for journalists in mid-career. He said that it would also be useful for editors to be able to meet to discuss their work.

"When you think how much training the ILEA puts on for teachers and the number of teachers' centres it had, you realize there is nothing like it in journalism," he said yesterday.

Mr Dodge, who will start his new job later this year, was responsible for establishing the Communications, Advertising and Marketing Education Foundation, which he also ran for three years.

The City University course in journalism, one of two university postgraduate courses in Britain, has been running for seven years. It takes about 25 home and 25 overseas students each year. The course includes periodical and radio journalism, and virtually all students have secured jobs.

Mr Dodge, who has been in his present job since 1972, said that he hoped journalists on sabbatical leave would come to the City University to write books or teach.

Michelin strikers told to work or lose jobs

By Our Labour Reporter

More than 1,100 strikers at a French-owned tyre factory in Stoke-on-Trent were told yesterday to work or be dismissed. The production workers at the Michelin plant, who are protesting at the imposition of a seven-day shift system, are to hold a meeting today.

Mr John Miller, national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) will ask the men if they want to continue the month-long stoppage in the face of the company's threat.

Union officials last night thought the employer's action could enflame the situation. A letter sent by Michelin to the workers' homes said: "Each employee has been notified of his restart shift time. If anyone on strike does not return, this will be taken as an indication that he does not want to continue his employment. In such a case the company will have no alternative but to terminate the employee's contract."

● Talks to resolve a dispute involving 230 plumbers at British Shipbuilders' Scott Lithgow yard in the Clyde ended without result last night (Our Glasgow Correspondent writes).

The dispute is over a call for 34 redundancies in spite of the fact that the yard is using outside contractors. The plumbers will renew strike action if there is no satisfactory resolution.

Welsh self-respect in peril, says ombudsman

From Tim Jones, Llangefni

Extremists who burn holiday homes and destroy in the name of Wales could damage the nation's self respect Mr Alun Jones, the Welsh ombudsman, said yesterday at the National Eisteddfod at Llangefni, Gwynedd.

He added: "There is no place for hatred and violence in our efforts to extol our Welshness and promote the cause of the language."

"We see more and more these days actions and behaviour on the part of a small number of us, that are completely inconsistent with civilized standards. If these tendencies increase the result will be that we will lose our self respect, not to mention the respect of those non-Welsh speakers whom we should be attracting towards our society."

As he spoke, two members of the Welsh Language Society began a week-long fast as part of a campaign for an official body to supervise teaching of the Welsh language.

The organizers feel their protests detract from the true nature of the eisteddfod.

The eisteddfod has a strict no-English rule and for that reason some local authorities in the Principality refuse to make a financial contribution towards it. But the rule is immovable for the eisteddfod is the only big event in Wales held entirely in the mother tongue.

This year's eisteddfod will cost about £250,000 and despite a government grant of £180,000 in this financial year, food-raising remains a problem.

Press Council break urged

By Our Education Correspondent

The National Union of Journalists is calling on the TUC to sever all links with the Press Council and to seek instead a "genuinely independent" media authority able to implement a statutory right of reply for aggrieved members of the public. (Our Labour Editor writes).

In a strongly-worded motion to the conference, the union argues that a four-year campaign by the TUC General Council has failed to achieve fundamental changes in the Press Council.

The union argues that "the continued existence of the Press Council is hindering the development of a free and democratically-accountable press"

Threat of college closure

By Our Education Correspondent

A nautical college in Fleetwood, Lancashire, may have to close if the Government accepts big cuts in maritime training proposed because of the decline in the British merchant fleet.

The Fleetwood College, which is likely to have 140 students in 1984-85, should not be allowed to take any further students for advanced courses, according to the National Advisory Body for local authority higher education.

The advisory body, whose committee met yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Brooke, Under Secretary of State for higher education, also proposed that advanced nautical training excluding radio courses, be stopped at Brunel Technical College in Bristol, the City of London and Merchant Navy College, Humberstone College of higher education and Lowestoft College of further education.

Theatre to present five new plays

By Christopher Warran, Arts Correspondent

The National Youth Theatre yesterday announced its 1983 season of five productions in London with its director, Michael Croft, in hospital, and its future uncertain as it has to leave its headquarters at the Shaw Theatre in November.

Mr Croft, who is suffering from angina, is being kept in hospital this week, but it is hoped that the season will open on August 17 with *For Those in Peril*, a new play by Christopher Short about the Invergorrison mutiny.

Other plays in the season, which runs to September 24, are *I Get Along Without You*, a new play about the Second World War, by Bill Butler; *Hamlet: Charlotte Emily and Anne*, a new play about the Brontë sisters by Douglas Merrall; and *Royal Hunt of the Sun*.

9% pay increase for doctors in the forces

By Our Defence Correspondent

Doctors and dentists in the armed forces are to receive a 6.6 per cent pay increase backdated to April, and a further 2.5 per cent from January.

These increases, recommended in a supplementary report of the Review Body on Armed Forces, were accepted by the Prime Minister in a written Commons answer on Friday.

The rises will take the maximum pay of a captain to £15,544, and that of a colonel to £25,785.

"Review Body on Armed Forces Pay: Service Medical and Dental Officers. Supplement to Twelfth Report, 1983. HMSO, £3.

● Pressboard, of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, is to supply the Army with more than 250,000 per conditions in most soles to combat athletes' feet. (The Press Association reports).

The sole has been designed to fit the new Mondopoint boot.

Murder attempt charges

By Our Defence Correspondent

Two men suffered serious wounds, one to the head, the other in the pelvis, after shots were fired through a window in the Balsall Heath area of Birmingham yesterday. Police had previously had complaints about a party which had gone on, nonetheless for two nights.

A man aged 53 will appear before Birmingham magistrates today on two charges of attempted murder.

Sixth victim identified

By Our Defence Correspondent

Graham Allan, aged 28, from Newarthill, Lanarkshire, has been identified by the police as the sixth of the 15 people whose remains were found at Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, and Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, north London, earlier this year. He was identified by his dentures.

Correction

By Our Defence Correspondent

The table of trade union voting intentions yesterday should have shown the engineering section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers as supporting Mr Roy Hattersley as leader of the Labour Party, with Mr Neil Kinnock as his deputy.

What the papers say about the Fiat Uno.

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Meacher: Toiler with a social conscience

By John Winder

Mr Michael Meacher, whose campaign to win the deputy leadership of the Labour Party has been gaining momentum in the past few days, has won an enviable reputation for integrity among his fellow MPs.

Outside the Commons in the fringe of Parliament, Mr Meacher has become known as one who is ready to take on even the most menial tasks and always carry out his undertakings, a reputation he shares with few other MPs.

Michael Hugh Meacher was born in Hertfordshire 43 years ago, the son of a farm worker. He won a scholarship which gave him a public school education at Berkhamstead, and another which took him to New College, Oxford.

Contrary to popular belief, it was not his childhood and education that gave him the guilt feeling which led him into the Labour Party, but what he saw after university in inner London's slums.

Mr Meacher's childhood was spent in a house with outside lavatory and bath in the



Mr Michael Meacher: Concern for gut issues.

kitchen, not the kind of background that leads to social guilt.

His initial intention was to become a probation officer, and while training for that he discovered the appalling conditions in which some people were living in the capital.

He decided that while social work had a role, the problems of the slums needed to be tackled more fundamentally, and he joined the Labour Party in 1962.

He entered Parliament eight years later, having pursued an academic career in the interim. His early speeches in the Commons concentrated on social matters, but he has since widely broadened his oratorical horizons. He can be relied on to take part in the annual economic debate after the Queen's Speech and often speaks of defence; he made two contributions during the Falklands debates.

Nevertheless, it is the issue of the class divide and low pay that he wants to bring to the fore through the deputy leadership election. He feels Labour should present the electorate with the gut issues of inequality of wealth and income: the very issues which brought him into the party, and which he feels have been insufficiently emphasized in recent years.

Mr Meacher is keenly interested in sport, was a jockey before it was fashionable, and plays golf with a son who has a handicap of three. Mr Meacher will not disclose his own rating. He met his wife, Molly, on the tennis court when they were teenagers.

His other main recreation is music of all kinds, particularly classical and operatic.

Mr Meacher's supporters believe that he will win the deputy leadership in October, but more neutral observers would still give odds against him.

With his five years' ministerial experience in three different departments, his undoubted abilities as a speaker, and his commitment to present Labour policy, Mr Meacher makes his strongest appeal to the individual member of the Labour Party. He hopes to gain a high percentage of constituency votes and to win a respectable measure of support from his fellow MPs.

Mr Meacher's backers hope that he will win the support of all the unions which backed Mr Wedgwood Benn in 1981, plus a few more.

If the party chooses him, he can be expected to make hard-hitting Commons speeches, attacking the Prime Minister for dividing the nation and for "inequality, even in misery", which he sees as the hallmark of Thatcherite Britain.

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Doctors angry as cuts force hospital to turn away patients

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

A London hospital is turning away patients living outside its own self-imposed "catchment area" in an effort to meet a cut of £350,000 in its budget this year. Unless they need urgent treatment, patients sent to Whipps Cross Hospital, east London, are being told to go back to their general practitioners for help.

The move is being opposed strongly by local general practitioners, the hospital medical staff and the British Medical Association, which sees it as tending to fragment the National Health Service geographically.

The hospital has written to local general practitioners, enclosing maps, telling them that only patients living in the Waltham Forest and western Redbridge areas will be treated in future.

Patients from eastern Redbridge, southern Essex, Epping Forest and north-Newham will no longer be seen, unless they need urgent treatment or have been referred to named consultants.

Whipps Cross is one of several hospitals in the East End of London which have been traditionally used as the first point of help by people needing medical treatment. Now these casual callers will be treated on the same basis as those referred by their own General Practitioners, that is, those living outside the new catchment area will generally be turned away.

Even patients needing emergency treatment are to be referred back to their own General Practitioners after initial treatment, unless the hour at which they arrive at the hospital makes it unreasonable to expect GPs to make alternative arrangements with other hospitals.

Dr John Ball, chairman of the British Medical Association GPs' committee, said yesterday that if other hospitals adopted the same tactic the National Health Service was in danger of being turned into a district one.

"This is not far off the passport problem. It is entirely contrary to the ethics of the medical profession and the health service that there should be constraints on consultants treating patients", he said.

Dr Israel Gluck, chairman of the medical staff committee at the hospital, said yesterday that the catchment area idea had been adopted as the least

damaging way of reducing patient services. Unless the hospital had come up with such an idea, the Waltham Forest Health Authority would have imposed a freeze on all staff posts, which would have been far more disruptive than "a cold, calculated, planned reduction".

The catchment area system is expected to reduce the number of patients treated at the hospital by 3 per cent and to produce a saving of £200,000, mainly by reducing the number of in-patients. That will save on the drugs and catering bills, and a ward has been closed.

The hospital has saved about £150,000 already through efficiency savings, including five compulsory redundancies, reductions in cleaning, catering and portering staff, and the closure of the night inquiry service.

The number of patients at the hospital has gone up by 5 per cent in each of the past five years, and it was facing overspending of £250,000 this year. The extra £100,000 was required as the hospital's share of the Government's efficiency saving targets.



Home is their hero: A group of Vietnamese boat people yesterday thanked an officer of a British ship that saved them from death.

Midnight rush for 'A' cars

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

They were seen in a drifting boat in the South China Sea by Tony MacLean, chief officer on the bulk carrier Shell Tectus.

The refugees had only a few pounds of rice left and their boat was low in the water, more than 200 miles off the Vietnamese coast.

The 23, all living in an Ockendon Venture's home in Hindhead, Surrey, celebrated the reunion by hoisting Mr MacLean on their shoulders, and giving a lunch for him and his family. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Dealers throughout Britain reported last night that they had been hard pressed to handle an unprecedented demand by motorists who wanted to be the first in their street with a car sporting the A registration plate.

Some opened showrooms as early as midnight on Sunday with sales staff gathering outside to cheer as the first of the expected 350,000 August registered cars drove out. Temporary staff have been taken on at local licensing offices to handle the huge influx of registrations.

Mr Donald Corps, acting managing director of the Henly group, one of the largest BL distributors in Britain, said: "Early reports indicate a quite unprecedented demand".

Mr John Tustain, of BSG, the Birmingham-based group handling Ford, Vauxhall, VW-Audi, Fiat, Citroen and Talbot, said: "The good news is that August sales are 30 per cent up on the same time last year".

When the doors of BSG's biggest outlet closed in Birmingham city centre last night it had delivered 200 A registration cars.

Mr John Leek, of the All Electric Garage group, which sells BL, Volvo and Daihatsu cars, said: "For the last week we have been working till 7.30pm and by careful planning we shall cope with double the number of cars we sold last August."

Early indications suggest that the stocks of used cars expected to pile up in part-exchange deals may not be so high. The ordinary motorist appears to have disposed of his car privately to take advantage of prices quoted for car sales not involving part exchange.

● Sales of Leyland trucks outside the United Kingdom and Europe fell by more than 50 per cent in the first six months of 1983 compared with the same period last year, the company said yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Nell Gwynne seeks parity with court jesters

Nell Gwynne took a London restaurant to an industrial tribunal yesterday, to prove she was worth as much as a pair of court jesters.

Miss Gaynor Miles, aged 28, who played the seventeenth century orange girl in a tableaux at the Beehive by the Tower restaurant, is claiming parity with the two male performers under the Equal Pay Act, 1970.

Miss Miles, who worked at the restaurant from 1979 until last year, said that when she started she was earning £60 a week compared with the men's £90.

But Mr Allan Dyer, for the Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse (London), said that while her former employer admitted Miss Miles was paid less, they claimed she was doing different work.

Miss Miles, of Shepherd's Hill, Highgate, north London, said her role was to play a lady of the court.

Mr Fraser Nimmo, stage manager at the Beehive, said he found it easy to cover if there was no girl singer, but less so if one of the jesters was absent.

"We have about forty serving wenches, many of whom are very pretty. The men stand out much more than the women because there are so many females in the building."

The hearing continues today.



Miss Gaynor Miles: Pay battle.

First-class rail revolt spreads

By Richard Evans

Angry rail commuters have been joined by companies, local authorities and elderly shoppers in boycotting British Rail after its decision to scrap first-class day return tickets.

As increasing evidence of customer hostility continued to emerge, British Rail seemed last night to be confused about whether the tickets were available.

A British Rail board official insisted no first-class day return tickets have been available since they were officially stopped in May. But a spokesman for Western Region said it had revived the special fare from Oxford, Didcot, Newbury and Reading to London just four days after it was halted.

"We had an established flow of first-class day return traffic and revenue could have been lost."

The first-class day return, available to travellers starting out after the morning rush hour, was dropped in the hope that the 700,000 passengers buying them each year would turn to the ordinary first-class ticket, costing up to twice as much.

To London and back from:	WHAT THE TICKETS COST		
	1st class cheap day return now scrapped	Ordinary 1st class return	2nd class return
Brighton	6.80	18.00	5.80
Bristol	10.00	18.00	6.80
Tunbridge Wells	5.80	10.40	3.80
Bath	22.00	38.00	12.00
Colchester	5.80	15.00	5.80

But many rail users have rebelled and opted for second-class travel or, even worse for British Rail, have resorted to travelling by car.

The managing director of a Banbury firm wrote to British Rail saying: "I have given instructions that all staff will now travel by second class." He said the firm could not justify spending £21 for a first-class return between Banbury and London. Staff at a subsidiary of British Sugar, based in Peterborough, are now driving to London rather than pay the extra cost.

Mr Leonard Dunelov, secretary of the Central Transport Consultative Committee, the rail user watchdog committee, said local government and National Health Service, instructed to travel second class or by car.

Elderly people who used to travel to London once or twice a month for shopping had written to complain: "They cannot afford the full first-class fare and have a problem getting a seat in the crowded second-class accommodation. So now they don't go to London at all", he said.

"BR had hoped that even if half of the day-return passengers paid the extra cash they would be all right. But from all the evidence we are receiving this is not happening."

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No supplements are earned if you cash in early.



Sandra Ogbourne (left) after hospital treatment, with her sister, Anna, aged six.

Giraffe tramples on child

A girl aged four was treated in hospital for head injuries yesterday after being trampled by a giraffe while visiting Longleat Safari Park, Wiltshire, by a giraffe which had given birth six days earlier.

Sarah Ogbourne, of Henbury, Bristol, and her family had left their car to walk in an area where giraffes and camels roam free.

They had been told not to go too close to the giraffe because of her protective feelings towards offspring, the park's manager, Mr Roger Cawley, said.

He added: "They got rather too close and were given a second warning, but by this time it was too late - the giraffe had started towards them. The woman managed to get out of the way but the child didn't."

The child's aunt, Mrs Anita Goodland, said: "As we stood looking, it just started to run to us. I think it was because we were all wearing yellow coats. The giraffe kicked Sarah to the ground and then started to trample on her." She said some other visitors there drove close to the giraffe and sounded car horns, and a woman dragged the child clear.

Sarah's mother, Mrs June Ogbourne, said she was considering legal action. "The giraffe should have been penned in," she said.

Women in search of 'manly' men

Women are against men wearing earrings and make-up, according to a survey published in Woman magazine yesterday.

Seventy-three per cent of those surveyed disliked men wearing a single earring and 92 per cent objected to them wearing a pair.

Only 3 per cent thought lipstick on a man was acceptable, although most did not mind men perming or highlighting their hair.

A typical response was "I like a man to look like a man".

Kindness and humour were the favourite attributes and only 1 per cent saw dominance as a man's most important characteristic. Most felt men should feel free to weep in private.

Siege councillors treble insurance

Members of Carradon District Council in Liskeard, East Cornwall, have increased their personal accident insurance from £25,000 to £75,000 for cases of death or permanent disablement.

The move comes after a gun siege in the council chamber a month ago. A man has been charged with having a shotgun with intent to endanger life.

Rare plants lost

Workers from the Exmoor National Park Authority clearing a pathway have been blamed for destroying two rare Deptford pink dianthus flowers, which had not been seen on the moor for 23 years. The plants had just been discovered by the Exmoor Natural History Society.

Work halted by Henry VIII starts again

A project stopped by Henry VIII during the dissolution of the monasteries was under way again yesterday.

Craftsmen started work on the roofless west tower of the Priory Church, Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire.

The cost will be £75,000 and the work is part of a wider restoration programme.

The west tower was started in 1520 and was intended to rise to 120ft. It had reached only a third of that height when work was stopped. It had remained unfinished ever since.

Mr Leonard Grouner, chairman of the appeal committee, said the fund was only £20,000 short of the overall £300,000 target needed.

Minehunter's captain to blame for collision

The captain of a Royal Navy minehunter was dismissed from his ship by a court martial in Portsmouth yesterday after pleading guilty to negligence after a collision.

Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Lawrence, aged 34, admitted allowing HMS Brocklesby, which cost £25m and was only commissioned in January this year, to be endangered.

The Brocklesby, a 685-tonne largest glass fibre ship in the world, collided with HMS Nereus, another minehunter, in thick fog outside Portland Harbour, off the Dorset coast, last February.

The Nereus, 360 tons, was badly holed when HMS Brocklesby's bow hit her at right angles. Most of the Nereus's 38 crewmen were transferred but there were no casualties.

Lieutenant Peter Beaumont, aged 38, HMS Brocklesby's first lieutenant, was severely reprimanded. He pleaded guilty to negligence causing the ship to be put into danger.

Both men admitted particular negligence in failing to realize there was a risk of collision and taking appropriate action.

Lieutenant-Commander David Lancaster, defending the Brocklesby's captain, said: "There was an error of judgment which should not damn a fine record for all time".

Lieutenant Beaumont was described as a "thoughtful, competent and capable officer".

Shortage of food and jobs as Sri Lanka hopes lies in ruins

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo (censored)

The advertisements for investment in Sri Lanka read rather ironically now. "Best bet in the Third World", they say. Until about a week ago it was true. The Sri Lanka economy was expanding at an average rate of five per cent - far better than the developed countries could manage, and seemingly unaffected by the oil price crisis.

There was some internal strain: inflation was high, the weakness of the monsoon was affecting food production and the World Bank recently encouraged a devaluation of the rupee. But in general it was in good shape. Unemployment had fallen from 25 per cent five years ago to 15 per cent. The country was on the point of becoming self-sufficient in rice and there was talk of it becoming altogether self-sufficient in food grains.

According to officials of international aid groups there was plenty of willingness to help with economic aid because

Tamil stabbed to death in Paris

Paris (AFP) - A Tamil man was stabbed to death, and two other people were injured in a scuffle between Tamil and Sinhalese groups in Paris on Sunday night.

This was the third in a series of incidents in the city over the weekend, which left two dead and eight wounded.

Groups of about 20 Tamils and Sinhalese, some armed with knives and clubs, started Sunday's fighting in the Bois de Boulogne area.

Churches draft unity charter

Vancouver (AP) - The world's divided churches have before them a new charter for unity and they are celebrating it at their world conference.

Although the different denominations have not yet formally accepted the accord, "it creates the possibility for new relationships", the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said here yesterday.

The historic agreement, reached by official representatives of the various churches, including the Roman Catholics, was the basis for a service on Sunday. By turns, a dozen of the participants read the Scripture and led prayers and litanies - Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox, clergy and laity of various languages and nations.

"Across the barriers that divide... reconcile us, O Christ", the diverse congregation prayed, each in their own tongue.

More than 3,000 people, including delegates to the World Council of Churches assembly from 300 denominations totalling 500 million Christians, packed an open-air tent for the service.

Dr Runcie led the celebration. He said that Christians "from all over the world proclaim afresh the power of the risen Christ to rescue a broken and divided humanity".

The liturgy, including the Eucharist, was drawn from an agreement reached in Lima, Peru, last year by representatives of virtually all church traditions.

The accord, covering central aspects of faith and worship - the Eucharist, baptism and ministry - has been transmitted to the various denominations for their response by the end of 1984.

The service itself, held on



Book for all: Dr Runcie raising the Bible during a service for all Christian denominations in Vancouver.

Britain 'endorses Turkey's road to democracy'

From Rasit Gardilek Ankara

Mr Iker Turkmen, the Turkish Foreign Minister, just back from an official visit to London, says Britain endorses the programme for democracy of the country's military rulers; and that the two countries will work together to combat international terrorism.

Mr Turkmen said: "Britain is pleased with the developments in Turkey and has agreed that democracy in Turkey should be developed in keeping with the dictates of the stability of the country needs."

He said his Government appreciated "the consistent support and understanding

Crime Down Under, part 2: Pornography and drugs Sex and psychedelics out of control

In the second of two articles on crime in Australia, TONY DUBOUDIN, Melbourne Correspondent, looks at the dimensions of the vice industry.

Revelations on the extent of pornography and organized prostitution have particularly shocked Australians reading the findings of two recent reports on crime in the country.

Pornography, according to Mr Douglas Meagher QC, who assisted a royal commission into tax evasion by the Ship's Painters and Dockers Union, has become big business with enormous amounts of money involved and high profits gained by the organizers.

"All the evidence points to a major criminal organization in Australia operating in this field and dominating it", Mr Meagher said in a report released last month.

"It consists of the same people, as those controlling prostitution. In this area it has sought to preserve anonymity by operation through many companies, the officers and shareholders of which cannot readily be related back to the organization."

The prostitution business is carried out under the guise of massage parlours and escort agencies, the report found, with anywhere from four to 20 girls working in each establishment.

"The rates for the services of the girls seems to be fixed Australia-wide. Although there is an appearance of competition in truth it would appear that the industry is well regulated", the report says.

Mr Meagher says that there is an enforcement arm to ensure that the girls and madames pass on the profits. "Girls who offend can expect severe punishment, usually of a



Cut grass: Victoria police taking away an illegal marijuana crop after a raid on a country property.

physical kind, and at times the injuries inflicted are appalling."

The report also highlights another side of the prostitution racket, with evidence of deliberate attempts to corrupt customers who occupy "significant positions" in the community. Photographs or videos are used to blackmail victims who are asked to show favour to the organization.

It recounts one case where young policemen were at a party attended by some prostitutes "employed by the organization" and photographs were taken. These were held for some years with the intention of blackmailing the officers who had reached higher ranks in the force. In this case

the plot was discovered and the policemen resigned.

Mr Meagher says that there was also evidence that unwilling Australian girls were supplied to brothels in Asia and Pacific areas. There was also, the report says, an even greater supply of girls from those regions to the Australian market.

"To the field of pornography, there is a considerable quantity produced within Australia. Much of this is child pornography and involves sexual practices between children and animals."

Children who are wards of the state "are frequently subverted by the administration of drugs and whilst in a drugged state participate in

sexual practice that is recorded upon the video", the report says.

Under the subject heading of "theft", Mr Meagher says that Australian criminals have developed a "worldwide expertise" in shoplifting, with the country spawning big shoplifting gangs. This form of operation, the report says, has been "very successful and has led to groups of Australians visiting London and European cities."

Trade union racketeering, the report says is limited to one or two unions.

"On the question of drugs, Mr Meagher notes that over the past five years there had been three royal commissions into drug operations in Australia. Most importing of drugs, he

says, was done by syndicates of investors.

Royal commission investigations, he says, indicated that there were several drug organizations operating in Australia and although it is equally clear that each of these organizations will make use of common services, the organizations themselves are distinct and otherwise operate independently of one another."

Mr Meagher concludes his report: "At present organized crime is unchecked. It is out of control. In the taxation area, it has now been assailed. In other areas, the assault if at all, is a mere flea bite. Its control in Australia is one of the challenges of this decade."

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Maori fined over protest during royal visit

From Our Correspondent, Wellington

The man who bared his buttocks to the Prince and Princess of Wales when the royal couple visited Wellington in April was yesterday fined \$NZ425 (about £170) for offensive behaviour.

Te Ranga Mangu Mihaka, aged 42, who described himself as a Maori activist, complained that the offensive behaviour charge trivialized what he saw as a traditional Maori "ultimate insult" in protest at the royal visit.

Mr William Parker, a Maori authority, said in evidence that buttock-baring was an established tradition in Maoridom as a final act of derision or refusal and had been used by Maori queens to silence their critics.

He quoted one example where, during the Second World War, Maori women bared their buttocks to a Maori Cabinet minister, Dr Maui Pomare, who was bringing conscription proposals.

Mr Mihaka, a well-known protest figure, said yesterday he would appeal against the judgment.

Police accused: Police used excessive force in some cases against demonstrators during the 1981 South African rugby union tour of New Zealand, the Chief Ombudsman, Mr George Laking, said in a report yesterday (Reuter reports).

He investigated a total of 173 complaints made by 74 people and sustained 75 of them.

Russians deride West's oil forecast

From Richard Owen Moscow

A leading Soviet economist has poured scorn on Western predictions of a drop in Soviet oil output, claiming that Russia does not need Western technology to develop the energy resources of Siberia.

Writing in *Pravda* yesterday, Mr Abel Aganbegyan said that this year Siberia would provide 60 per cent of the Soviet Union's oil production and over 50 per cent of its gas output. Annual oil extraction was running at about 20 million tons.

"I cannot but remember the short sighted forecasters of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), who predicted a fall in oil output in Siberia in the early eighties," Mr Aganbegyan wrote. The CIA had also wrongly forecast that Russia would not be able to develop its oil industry without Western help.

Last week the Soviet press emphasized that the completion of the Soviet section of the gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe was proof of Russia's ability to "go it alone".

Western experts caution that there is an element of bravado in such claims. Compressor stations along the pipeline have not been finished and could present greater problems.

As for oil production, output rose marginally in the first six months of this year to 307 million tonnes, but the Russians have to meet both rising domestic demand and commitments to Eastern Europe, experts say. Foreign technology remains crucial to the exploitation of Siberian energy resources.

Spain takes softer line on Rock

From Harry Debellis Madrid

Spain is willing to relax further restrictions over Gibraltar "if reasons of negotiating strategy so indicate", according to Señor Fernando Morán, the Foreign Minister.

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35	£50	£8,073	£16,046	£17,024
	£25	£4,036	£8,023	£8,512
	£20	£3,229	£6,418	£6,809
	£15	£2,422	£4,814	£5,206
45	£50	£9,986	£19,972	£20,950
	£25	£4,993	£9,986	£10,475
	£20	£3,994	£7,989	£8,359
	£15	£2,995	£5,993	£6,243
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US tells Gaddafi to end Chad bombing raids and pull out all troops

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States has accused Libya of open aggression and of using Soviet-built fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships to bomb Faya-Largeau...

including the French, who are backing the pro-Western Government of President Habre.

making a total of 10 raids on the town since it was seized from Mr Goukouni's troops the day before.

France reaffirms arms support

France is willing to "adapt its logistical support" to Chad even though, according to Mr Max Gallo, the French government spokesman, it has not changed its position towards the country (Roger Beardwood reports).

President Hissene Habre of Chad called on France, the US and three African countries at the weekend for air cover to counter attacks by Libyan fighter bombers supporting rebels.

Mr Gallo emphasized that France was already supplying Chad with anti-aircraft weapons, provided for in a 1976 agreement between the countries.

to pound Faya-Largeau (AFP, Reuters and AP report). Official Chadian sources said the Libyan aircraft made three raids on the town 500 miles north of the Chadian capital of N'Djamena.

"The Chadian Information Minister, Mr Sumaila Mahamat, said that the bombing seemed to be less intense, which according to Western diplomatic sources could be to block the government troops in the town to prevent them continuing northward."

Mr Sumaila said that in most cases, the Libyan bombs had not hit their targets. Libyan aircraft had attacked Faya-Largeau twice on Sunday,

A total of 300 enemy soldiers were killed in the recapture of the town, the Chadian high command said.

Another 1,200 were captured during the four-hour battle for the town which fell to Goukouni forces on June 24. No details of government losses in the weekend battle were given.

The communiqué said several high-ranking officers were captured and an enormous quantity of military equipment seized after the battle which the Chadian news agency called "a victory of democratic forces over the Islamic legion and Gaddafi's mercenaries".

It included 10 ground-to-ground missiles, eight 120mm guns, eight Jeeps equipped with 106mm guns and four Brazilian-made Cascavel armoured vehicles.

The Government had no comment on a Libyan claim that troops loyal to President Habre were trapped and encircled by rebel forces in Faya-Largeau.

In Tripoli the Libyan news agency Jana said Mr Habre's army was surrounded in the town by rebel forces.

"Reports from north Chad state that forces of the Chadian Government of National Unity under the leadership of Goukouni Oueddei have besieged the city of Faya-Largeau and that rebel Hissene Habre is completely encircled."

GENEVA: Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, called yesterday for an end to the fighting in Chad, (Reuters reports).



Sadat's brother freed from detention

Mr Esmat Sadat and his sister, Sekina, shouting "God is great" when a Cairo court announced yesterday that he and three of his sons were being released from preventive detention.

ordered the impounding for five years of all property belonging to Mr Sadat and his sons. It is said to be worth about \$80m.

Attorney General must now consider whether any of the Esmat Sadat family allegedly committed acts liable to penal sanctions.

Iraq leader with troops at front

Baghdad (Reuters) - President Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday visited the central sector of the Gulf War battlefield, where Iraq said it had killed more than 5,000 Iranian troops at the weekend.

The official Iraqi news agency, INA said the president, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, was accompanied by the Defence Minister, General Adnan Khairallah, to the area held by the Second Army Corps about 100 miles east of Baghdad.

The Iraqi high command said its aircraft and helicopter gunships had carried out further raids on Iranian positions in the central sector. The Iraqis claimed they killed 5,324 Iranian troops on Saturday in repelling an offensive against the border town of Zubairiyah.

TEHRAN: The Iranian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Vellavati, said yesterday that Iran would fight on against Iraq in the Gulf until Baghdad accepted three Iranian peace conditions.

The conditions were complete Iraqi withdrawal from Iranian territory, payment by Baghdad of war damages, and the punishment of Iraq for invading Iran, he said in an interview with Reuters.

As a first stage Iran was demanding that Iraq simply accept these conditions. Details of their implementation would be tackled later.

He added, however, that Iran had seen no sign that Iraq was moving towards accepting the Iranian terms.

ANKARA: Turkey yesterday urged Iran and Iraq to ensure that fighting between them did not threaten its own interests (Reuters reports). Mr Ilker Turkmen, the Turkish Foreign Minister, who gave the warning, played down fears, however, that fresh outbreaks of fighting could threaten an oil pipeline running from Kirkuk in central Iraq to Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

BBC man first victim of ban

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Representatives of the Foreign Correspondents' Association of southern Africa are to seek urgent talks in Zimbabwe today over a ban on foreign correspondents based in South Africa from covering events in the "front-line" states.

The executive of the association which represents 53 news organizations, decided at a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday to send a delegation immediately to Zimbabwe to seek meetings with diplomatic representatives of the front-line states and Western nations affected by the ban, as well as with appropriate Zimbabwe Government officials.

It said in a statement it was concerned with the ramifications of the information ministers' declaration and that it deplored any restriction that would impede the free flow of information.

He urged its members, most of whom are based in South Africa, to inform their home offices of the seriousness of the front-line ministers' action and to ask them to bring the matter to the attention of their governments.

The information ministers noted that some news organizations had established offices in independent countries of southern Africa.

Some correspondents felt last night that such action could be a prelude to forcing international agencies and the media

out of the southern African region altogether.

HARARE: The first correspondent to be affected here was Mr Philip Hayton, the southern African correspondent of BBC television, who arrived in Zimbabwe on assignment on Friday from his base in Johannesburg (Stephen Taylor writes).

Mr Hayton said he had reported to the Department of Information yesterday and been advised: "The sooner you leave the better." He said: "I am surprised and disappointed, I have done my utmost to report accurately."

The Government spokesman said: "This is not a decision aimed against British or American journalists, it is a decision by the front-line states against the principle of journalists covering our countries while being based in racist South Africa."

Menuhin to play at Niven's funeral

Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland (Reuters) - Yehudi Menuhin the violinist, will play at the funeral here today of David Niven, friends of the British actor said yesterday.

Niven, who died at his Alpine chalet last Friday, aged 73, will be buried in the town graveyard after a ceremony in the Anglican church of St Peter, according to Mr Alistair Forbes, the family's spokesman.

It had earlier been announced that the service would be held in the nearby Evangelical Reform Church. But Niven's two sons, who arrived from the United States on Sunday, decided it would be more appropriate in the smaller Anglican church, where the actor's two adopted daughters were christened.

Menuhin, a friend of Niven with a home in Gstaad, plans to play the andante from Mendelssohn's Oetec.

Case of the poison pudding

Kempen, West Germany (AFP) - Police here believe they have uncovered a real life Agatha Christie plot in which a pensioner murdered two husbands and a lover with poison in their favourite dessert: her home-made pudding.

Frau Maria Velten, aged 67, had a previous conviction for poisoning local cats. Now police believe that was a rehearsal for more serious things to come.

Deserter admits four murders

Clermont-Ferrand (Reuters) - A 23-year-old deserter from the French Foreign Legion confessed yesterday to four murders committed over the past year in the rugged Ardeche region of Central France, police said.

He was alleged to have admitted killing the head of a home for juvenile delinquents, two young holidaymakers and a Marseilles public works employee.

Hanoi jails Jesuit priests

Hanoi, (AFP) - the people's court of Ho Chi Minh city has given long prison terms to 13 people, including five Jesuit priests, charged with trying to "overthrow the revolutionary government of Vietnam" according to the Vietnam News Agency.

One of the Jesuits, Father Nguyen Van hien, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Animal protest

Delhi (AFP) - Thousands of schoolchildren wearing animal masks marched through the streets of the Indian capital to arouse public opinion against cruelty to animals. Camels, horses, donkeys and bullock carts carrying bears and monkeys were part of the procession.

Death lorry

Cape Town (AP) - A lorry was involved in two accidents here that killed 18 people in four days. Five died when their car and the lorry collided on a coastal road. Later a bus carrying 70 picnickers hit the stationary vehicle, killing 13 passengers and injuring 57.

9,000 years ago

Amman (AP) - Statues of men, women and children dating back to 7,000 years before Christ have been discovered in the Stone Age village of Ein Ghazal near here, Jordan's antiquities department announced.

Friars freed

Prague (AFP) - The Czechoslovak authorities have surprised Eastern block observers here with the unusually quick release of 16 Franciscans who were detained just before Easter in an anti-religion swoop.

Train sabotage

Lisbon, (Reuters) - Angolan Unita Guerrillas claimed yesterday that 78 people died and 319 were injured in a train carrying Government troops and Cuban advisers which was destroyed by a mine in Eastern Angola last week.

Wheelchair trip

Vienas (AP) - Georg Freund, a 40-year-old Austrian paraplegic, arrived here yesterday, tired but happy after a 2,500-mile, 58-day trip across Europe in a wheelchair.

Army chief

Delhi (AFP) - General Arun Shrivastava Vaidya aged 57, has formally taken over as Indian Chief of Army Staff.

Out of court

Norfolk, Virginia (AP) - Martina Navratilova, the Wimbledon champion, has been fined \$20 (£13) for speeding and abusing a Norfolk police officer.

Prisoners of conscience



Soviet Union: Vladimir Poresh

Vladimir Poresh, a young Russian Orthodox activist who worked as an historian in the library of the Academy of Sciences, has been awaiting trial for four years on a charge of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda".

He was arrested at his home in Leningrad on August 1, 1979, after a search during which religious samizdat were confiscated. He has two children, one of whom was born after his arrest.

In 1974 an unofficial seminar of Orthodox Christians was founded in Moscow, with a branch in Leningrad. During the late 1970s several members of the group were subjected to harassment, interrogation, searches and brief periods of detention at police stations, as well as job dismissals and manhandling by police.

They were told that the seminar was "anti-Soviet". Two members, Alexander Argentov and Edward Fedotov, were forcibly sent to psychiatric hospitals. Mr Poresh campaigned actively for their release.

Mr Poresh was one of the editors of the group's samizdat journal Community, and at the time of his arrest 11 copies were confiscated with other religious samizdat. He was told that he was being charged with "circulating fabrications known to be false, which defame the Soviet state and social system".

Since then, however, the charge has been changed to the more severe Article 70 of the criminal code, which carries a maximum sentence of seven years in prison followed by five of internal exile.



Vladimir Poresh: Four years without trial.

Atom safety chief picked by Moscow

From Richard Owen Moscow

The Kremlin yesterday appointed a new atomic safety committee chairman after an unexplained accident at a nuclear reactor plant.

An announcement by the presidium of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) said Mr Yevgeny Kulov had been made head of the state committee for supervision of the safe conduct of work in the atomic power generating industry.

The committee was formed two weeks ago after a serious mishap at the atomsmash reactor plant at Volgodonsk, south of Moscow. Pravda reported that the Atomsmash management had been censured for negligence and said urgent measures were being taken to correct mistakes, but did not give details.

Foreign nuclear experts who visited the site shortly before the accident said that quality control appeared to be lax, and speculated that a building might have collapsed after an explosion.

Mr Kulov, who is 54, has been deputy Minister of Medium Machine Building for the past year.

Onassis must pay duty now

From Mario Modiano Athens

A Greek tax court rejected yesterday a request by Miss Christina Onassis, the shipping heiress, that a payment of death duties on her late father's Greek estate should be deferred until her appeal is heard.

Miss Onassis is appealing against a lower tax court's decision that she must pay death duties and a 100 per cent fine for failing to declare the inheritance. The total sum involved is said to be £21.8m.

The tax court decided that the only valid ground for granting a deferment of the payment of cumulative instalments amounting so far to £8m would be "a financial inability to pay", which, it said, was hardly applicable to Miss Onassis.

In her appeal, which is expected to be judged early next autumn, Miss Onassis had challenged the Greek tax authorities' claim on the ground that her father was never a resident of Greece.

A secondary appeal was against the "exorbitant" assessment of the value of the property, especially Skorpios, the Onassis private island.

Mont Blanc avalanches kill five

By Our Foreign Staff

All over the world people are dying in freak weather. In India at least 713 people have drowned in floods in 11 states in north and east in the past month.

The floods, set off by monsoon rains, have damaged 185,000 houses and killed 94,887 cattle, according to Mr Yogendra Makwana, the Agriculture Minister.

In China 103 people were killed and 440 injured in Guangdong province alone in the typhoon which battered the south-east coast last week, the provincial newspaper Nanfang Daily reported.

In Japan at least 52 people have died in water accidents in the past few days as holiday-makers flocked to beaches and pools seeking relief from temperatures soaring into the nineties.

Both Syria and Lebanon celebrated their Army Days yesterday with appropriate though quite different expressions of confidence. While Lieutenant-General Mustafa Tlass, the Syrian Defence Minister, praised the Soviet Union for helping Syria to achieve "a strategic balance with the enemy", General Tannous insisted that the Lebanese Army would eventually extend the state's authority to every corner of the country.

AMMAN: King Hussein of Jordan and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia have called for Arab unity and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon after lengthy talks in the Saudi resort of Taif yesterday. They also urged Arab states to support the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the official Jordanian news agency Petra said (Reuters reports).

Assad dispels hope of Syrian withdrawal

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

with the encouragement of the Lebanese Government - that he will try to arrange a limited disengagement of the Syrian and Israeli armies in the Bekaa valley that would permit troops of the multinational force to control the Beirut-Damascus highway.

The Syrians, however, are well aware that such a disengagement would cut their army off from the Chouf mountains, from which the Israelis are about to withdraw, and thus lessen their influence over the Druze militias there that are opposed to President Amin Gemayel's Government in Beirut.

General John Vesey, chairman of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff, held talks here yesterday with President Gemayel and also with General Ibrahim Tannous, the Lebanese Army commander, whose troops will have to deploy into

Dream harvest for addicts in Hongkong

From Richard Hughes Hongkong

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THE ARTS

Opera: John Higgins assesses the climax of the 'British Ring'

Musical vision truly reflected in nature

Götterdämmerung Bayreuth

Just before 11pm on Saturday the halls of the Gibichung collapsed...

For the musical side, a little surprising for Bayreuth these days, there was nothing but audience approval...

Hall and Dudley, to the obvious fury of sections of the audience, critics and public alike, have stuck with their concept of the Ring as a fairy-story with distinctly adult emotions...

That this performance was to be one of strength, energy and control was emphasized in the very opening hymn, 'O Crux, ave, spes unica'...

In climactic effectiveness this was matched at the end of Part I by the chorus's frightfully demonstrative cry 'Crucifige'...

After the pre-Act talk one of the questioners asked Penderrecki whether he had plans to record the Passion...

Geoffrey Norris

Circle/Radulescu ICA

A good title is an excellent start for any enterprise... The Romanian composer now domiciled in Paris, has an advantage...

Even at the start their rightly packed lines contained a fair variety of gesture, but whereas in the earlier stages this tended to cancel out, leaving it all sounding rather the same...

It was another polyphonic exploration, heard, but no very evident reason, in darkness. Mr Radulescu liked it to 'a prayer which has forgotten to be related to a historically-determined religion'...

Max Harrison

much to herself in the Eighties as Nilsson did in the Sixties. And it has been conducted by Sir Georg Solti with passionate grandeur counterbalanced by lucid authority.

The question remaining is whether Solti and Dudley should have bowed to Bayreuth practice and agreed to put on so technically complex a Ring in a single week rather than spreading it over a couple of festivals...

William Dudley's greatest success in this Ring, where the eye is constantly on the look-out for some new surprise, have been in the forest scenes, where nature, stark or grave or dappled, has been a constant reflector of the music...

during the previous encounter with the Rhine maidens, which had been missing in Act I. Jung sniffed the finishing line and no longer needed to husband his resources...

His assassin, Hagen, was Aage Haugland, massive in form and voice, a triple-dyed villain totally immersed in evil thoughts and a true son of Alberich...

And so via Norbert Balatsch's chorus, marvellously individualized and trained to peak performance pitch, to Brünnhilde herself...

bottom register has a tendency to disappear into the orchestra. She has, quite obviously, struck a working relationship of total understanding with Solti and Hall...

Solti and his orchestra were, predictably, at their finest in these closing moments. There had been some instrumental fluffs towards the end of a stiffling hot week together...

By next year too there will need to be some recasting, mainly in the minor roles. The Donner and Froh are both overparted by Bayreuth standards...



Hildegard Behrens: a Brünnhilde for the Eighties

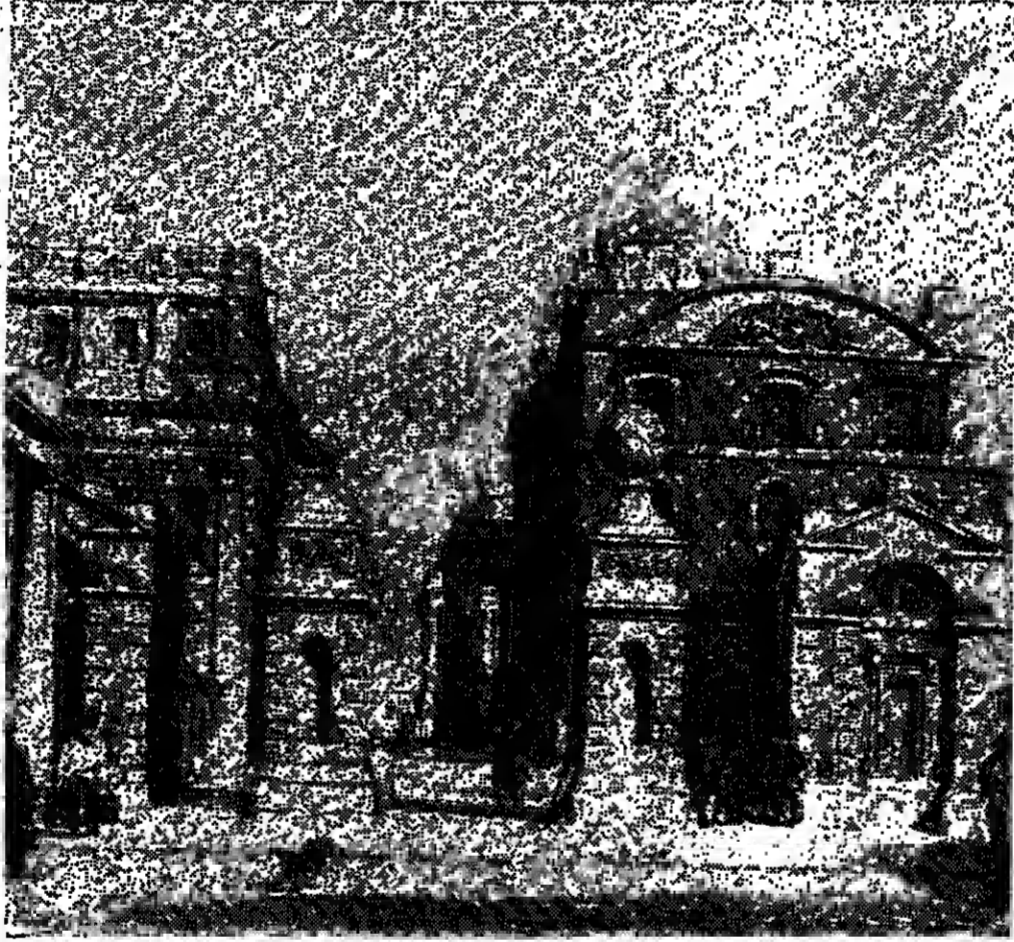
Extraordinary faculty of fresh response

David Cox Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery/Anthony Reed

Lilian Holt Gillian Jason

Last month, amid the feast of new shows on in London, there was one which I just did not have the space and time to write about, though were it still on in this month's feature I should not doubt leap upon it with cries of delight...

And, one might have added, by David Cox of all people? Happily, the answer to the second part of the enigma was at hand. Since it happens in the bicentenary of Cox's birth...



New focus for a once-hazy image: Cox's Greenwich Hospital, c.1831

anybody. But equally clearly - and this is what distinguishes him from the crush of capable drawing-masters all around - he had from beginning to end of his career an extraordinary faculty of fresh response...

Best of all, I think, are the seaside scenes. Here the obvious comparison is often with Boudin's Manchester Rhyd Sands, or Birmingham's own larger and more wistful version...

The show makes evident, too, that Cox was very much the sort of artist, as one might suppose, who could go on churning out work year in, year out, never falling below a certain superior level of competence and acceptability...

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Altogether too modest

Dr Anthony Clare is, literally, the armchair psychiatrist in Motives (BBC 2), a sort of 'Face the Music' in last night's programme...

Mr Stonehouse managed to give the impression that his experiences had provoked in him a general disillusionment with the world - 'I think people are selfish, callow and greedy'...

Indeed, the drive for happiness is relentlessly shown as an unspoken communal taboo. Losing their respective children and lacking support from friends and family...

Peter Ackroyd

Human grab at happiness

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Anthony Masters

Strength out of humility

before us. A eucharistic draught from a chalice of blood, scourging, taunts of 'Prophesy!' and a mocking enthronement in what proves to be an electroded chair complete the identification with the Passion...

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The Last Judgement

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Advertisement for 'Runners' film festival, featuring 'Rachel Lindsay is Missing' and 'The Whitechapel Art Gallery'.

SPECTRUM

A mole among the hounds



These pictures were taken by a spy from the League Against Cruel Sports. Hugh Clayton tells the story of the undercover agent on the hunting field

Left: Devon and Cornwall Minkhounds; Marhamchurch, north Cornwall, June 26, 1982. Right: Devon and Somerset Staghounds; Stratton Fleming, north Devon, October 29, 1981. Far right: Three Countries Minkhounds; River Monnow near Pandy, Gwent, July 31, 1982.



A year ago Michael Wright was a keen follower of hounds. With his flat cap, plus fours and British Field Sports Society car sticker, he merged easily into the crowd on the hunting field.

Michael Wright never rode to hounds. His speciality was high quality photography. Some of the hunt members he photographed at meets were flattered to receive pictures of themselves a few weeks later.

Hunting is steadily growing in popularity as a spectator sport, and those who follow hounds on foot or in vehicles outnumber those on horseback by more than 10 to one.

"antis" or "sabs" who demonstrate in the field or try to sabotage the sport by diverting the pack from its quarry. But most of those who mill round the field in the season are foot followers.

He understands them as well, and was able to talk appreciatively to the hunt servants who sometimes feel that their dedicated work with hounds behind the scenes is ignored by those who treat the sport as a social event.

A few weeks ago Michael Wright slipped quietly away from hunting and appeared in London, where he talked to The Times. The interview was held at the headquarters of the League Against Cruel Sports, whose executive director, Richard Course, says: "He's the best undercover agent we've ever had."

The recent capture by the Soviet authorities of North American Greenpeace campaigners against whaling was a reminder that some animal welfare

activists are not content to wave placards and lobby ministers. In Britain the struggle against supposed animal cruelty occurs at many levels. While Michael Wright was telling his story to The Times, Alan Clark, a parliamentary under secretary at the Department of Employment, was being installed at Westminster as patron of the Conservative Anti-Hunt Council, yet another party-based organization to promote the abolition of hunting.

Political opposition to hunting is relatively recent. The abiding hatred between many champions and opponents of the sport is much older. Each side infiltrates the other. Hunts "acquire" confidential minutes of anti-hunting meetings and opponents like the league have intimate knowledge of hunting strategy conferences.

Michael Wright is one of the most successful "moles" that either side in the hunting argument has ever employed. At the time of his undercover operations, Wright was a full-time employee of the league; each year, part of its income (from subscriptions and

legacies) is set aside for such investigations, although it will divulge neither the extent of the operation nor its cost. He has now left the staff of the league and is retained as a consultant awaiting publication in the autumn of a book about his experiences on the hunting field.

Of course, his name is not really Michael Wright, or even Michael Wilkins, in which guise he occasionally appeared last year as the league's press officer. He will probably be better known to many hunt personalities by his real name of Michael Huskisson. He is a qualified science teacher, a vegetarian and a long-standing member of the Hunt Saboteurs' Association.

He has always shunned publicity, but a few years ago he was unable to avoid headline treatment under his real name. He explains that in the mid 1970s there was no noticeable political opposition to hunting. What, then, could a young man do?

"I was involved when I was 22 in the release of two 'smoking beagles' from an ICI laboratory. I appeared in court and was acquitted of theft. Later I was convicted of criminal damage and desecration of the grave of John Peel, and I was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. There is now a professional political movement to change outdated laws, so I shall dedicate my life to parliamentary reform."

The crushing general election defeat of Labour, with its first manifesto commitment to abolish hunting, was a severe blow to opponents of the sport. The league hopes that Huskisson's book will be the start of a renewed campaign of pressure on parliament to outlaw the pursuit of live prey with hounds.

The huntsmen who stood back to let "Michael Wright" in at the kill with his camera will find themselves in the book. So will the hunt servants who found him such a willing listener. He claims to have a complete dossier of cruelty which will show that hunts tolerate many practices which they claim to ban.

The league was torn in its desire to convince The Times that the Huskisson story was genuine. It produced many photographs, including some of readily recognized personalities in the hunting world. It is worried that the allegations in Huskisson's forthcoming book might be devalued by its author's criminal record.

It refused to show his best photographs, which it hopes to sell for a large amount to a Sunday newspaper. But it showed me a film supposedly taken by him of an incident in a mink hunt less than a year ago. It showed a man picking a small animal from the water and throwing it up to the bank behind where it was seized by hounds. The animal moved for long enough for the camera to record that it was alive.

"I have seen foxes thrown live to two different hunts," Huskisson says. He claims that his book will contain detailed evidence of foxes being sold and of being taken from one hunt's country to another. He says he will produce clear photographic evidence of a fox being let out in a bag in front of hounds and of live quarry being held under water to drown.

He claims that his pictures of stags at bay and quarry being torn apart by hounds will convince the public of the

foulness of normal practice in hunts as well as banned operations like releasing bagged foxes.

Huskisson says he had no qualms about spying on hunts. "I guess I abused the whole trust of hunting. But it is nothing like the abuse of the trust they have with the public. They are conning people all the time." When working under the cover identity of Michael Wright, he followed about 30 of Britain's 200 hunts about 150 times, after many years as a hunt saboteur.

He sometimes worried that the flat cap and plus-fours of "Michael Wright" would not deceive a hunt member who had met him in his previous guise as Huskisson the "sab". He withdrew this year because he feared being caught. Others have been trained to take over when the main hunting seasons open.

"The art of undercover work is to do the expected," he explains. "To get into the inner sanctum and see what happens you need to get their trust. What you want them to do is to behave as they normally do. If you are always helpful, then if the pressure is ever on and you are suspected, the people who have helped you will come forward and say so. That gives you cover."

His greatest fear was of a small mistake that would blow his cover. Each side in the hunting argument knows that the other is spying on it, and is accordingly on its guard. Huskisson deliberately chose an alias with the same first name as his own. "If your real name is not Mike you might not answer if someone in a pub shouts 'Mike' across to you. Then they would know."

He peeled off his British Field Sports Sticker after each day's hunting. After one meet he noticed that he had stuck it back upside down. It was then too late to do anything, but nobody noticed. Huskisson developed a careful ritual to avoid such revealing errors.

"On a typical day I would drive to within about half a mile of the meet and check the car and myself rigorously to make sure there was nothing that could give me away. There were several weak links, including the car, which was owned by the league. But nobody ever challenged me point blank. I targeted myself on the weaker and more stupid elements, and I pushed it as far as I could."

After his careful study of the hunting community he has divided its active participants into nob and rotters. "There is a definite dichotomy," he explains. "There are those who use hunting as a ticket to ride in the countryside. They don't look too closely at what goes on because if they did they might understand what we have been talking about for years. Then there is also an element who are just out-and-out hooligan animal thugs. They are the type who are there just to pit the terrier against the fox."

Understandably reluctant to be photographed, Huskisson then slipped away to a secret address with his memories of hunting. He is in one hideout, while duplicates of his photographs and documents are held to several others. The league hopes to bring them all together in the autumn and, as Huskisson puts it, "drive the final nail into the coffin of hunting."

When the cover was blown

The British Field Sports Society said yesterday that it knew by Christmas last year that Wright, Wilkins and Huskisson were one person. It admitted that there was a period last year in which the hunting community did not know that "Michael Wright" was an infiltrator from the League Against Cruel Sports. The society agreed that "Wright" had been invited by one unknowing hunt to give a slide show of his photographs, but the hunt were unperturbed by his efforts and had not tried to expose him in the field. "The league has been trying for a very long time to prove that the codes of conduct of hunting have not been adhered to. The paucity of the evidence it has shown you proves that it has not succeeded." The society, the main umbrella organization for hunting and shooting interests, said the league might be embarrassed by the disclosure of Huskisson's part in the John Peel case.

moreover... Miles Kington

Facing a blank future

A wonderful thing happened to me the other day. I lost my diary. Now the rest of the year is completely free. My diary, like a super-efficient secretary, had all the details of my life ahead and now that it has skipped the country with my future engagements I find myself a free man. There's always Christmas, of course, which I seem to remember falls on December 25 this year, but as I have no recollection of where I was going to spend it, that too may slip by unnoticed.

Dutifully I went into a stationer's to do an availability check on diaries in July. (This is a little phrase I have picked up from showbiz. I'm going to do an availability check on the King's Singers, they say importantly. What they mean is, I'm going to see when they're free. Not much point, really, as the King's Singers are always in Hong Kong or Australia. It would be hard for all six of them to lose their diaries.)

There I discovered that diaries which were selling at £2.90 in January are now down to 40p. Most of them seem aimed at electrical engineers and girl guides. Are these notorious for losing their diaries or for not buying them in the first place? One of life's little mysteries. I also found an exact replica of the diary I had lost, full of addresses of embassies and maps of the world, but containing nothing about what I was meant to do for the rest of the year.

There are also, which came as a surprise to me, mid-year diaries. These run from July of this year to September of next year and are presumably aimed at people like me who have just lost their diaries, or at students who are about to start a new educational year. I suppose these have been here all the time and I just never noticed them, rather as I spotted for the first time the other day that there are road signs in the middle of Notting Hill promising to get you to Brighton, Guildford and Southampton. You never notice what you don't need.

Anyway, the mid-year diaries have totally up-to-date details of embassies and theatres, but they have none of my missing details. There is also available a Royal Year Book 1984, starting next January, which contains things like a photograph of Prince Andrew and must be very useful to people who suddenly forget what Prince Andrew looks like, and need to know to a hurry. It had a dinner date with Prince Andrew I would certainly need it, but of course without a diary I simply can't remember whether we agreed to meet this year.

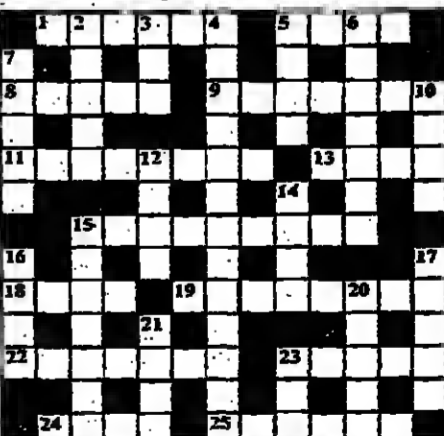
And there were the other kinds of diary, real diaries with nothing but blank pages, which you do not know what happened to you, how you got on at the electrical engineers' conference, the guide camp, the dinner with Prince Andrew etc. It's odd that the word "diary" has come to have two quite opposite meanings. In one kind you write down the past, in the other you write down the future, and in both cases it's wishful thinking.

In the last decade I have kept a diary for only one year, a year which turned out to be quite traumatic for me. The other day I dared to look through it for the first time and was completely oopshuffled to find that I had omitted all the innumerable. It was a daily record of what I had done and what other people had done, but there was nothing at all about what I thought. I have now concluded that not only do I not trust other people with my inner feelings (which I suspected already) but I do not trust myself either, which comes as a slight shock. What do I know about myself that I dare not tell myself? And how shall I ever find out?

Well, in the words of a famous writer, "No Englishman ever put anything into an autobiography worth knowing about himself." It was Arthur Conan Doyle, actually, and it's a quotation I have never seen in an English reference book, only in a French dictionary of quotations, and merely placed there because it seemed like an anti-English remark.

You may have noticed a certain loose feeling about this piece, a certain disengagement from life. This is the result of losing my diary. The future has suddenly become free, empty and somewhat meaningless. All the road signs in my life have been removed and I am driving through an unmarked landscape. As I said, it's wonderful. It can't last, of course, but for a while time has become very elastic.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 116)



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THE Sun IS READ BY MORE ABC1 (15-44) MEN THAN ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER*



Table with 2 columns: Newspaper name and percentage of ABC1 men (15-44) who read it. Includes Sun (24.0%), Daily Mirror (18.8%), Daily Mail (18.7%), Daily Express (16.3%), and Daily Telegraph (15.0%).

THE Sun Britain's biggest selling daily newspaper.

*SOURCE: JICMARS NRS, October '82-March '83

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PARIS FASHIONS by Suzy Menkes

An orgy of opulence

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BOWS are the trimming of the season - and the bigger and more glamorous the better. This plunge-back velvet evening dress by Yves Saint Laurent focuses on a bow that grows into a fish-tail skirt. He also produced the bustle bow, swaying on the posterior. Other designers who took a bow were Dior, whose Marc Bohan sashed a slim column of satin with a bow at the hip, and Lanvin, whose asymmetric velvet bodice and slit skirt was tied together with a giant bow at the waist.



EMBROIDERIES so lavish that it was hard to believe they were the work of the needle was a Paris theme. Dior's cabled evening sweater (above) was actually worked in guided embroidery on black chiffon. Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel used eighteenth-century furniture as the inspiration for his encrustations of mother of pearl (below), worked in swirls of white on white, with pale silvered beads, gold leaf and arabesque appliques.



LACE is back in favour with all the couturiers - especially wicked black lace used with black velvet like this transparent dress by Ungaro banded with velvet at bust and hips. Major designer names from couture and ready to wear gave a small show at the Musée de la Mode et du Costume to coincide with the private view of the museum's latest exhibition of lace through the ages.

The fresh froth of white lace from the fine Chantilly to the coarser Irish crochet lace made the strongest statements in the exhibition, which included some enchanting children's clothes - both simple in white and lavish in silver or gilt embroidery.

The 100 dresses and 300 lace pieces assembled at the museum by the keeper, Madeleine Delpeyre, made up just one of the biannual fashion exhibitions. (The last one was cashmere shawls.)

Since change is the essence of fashion, I am convinced that this kind of exhibition better serves the museum public than a static display. The mannequins are not behind glass, but simply grouped against a quiet background, with a group of wedding dresses with exquisite lace veils and another tableau of Edwardian and 1920s figures emphasizing how a fabric can change its style according to fashion. The idea of having a live show of lace garments brought the message right up to date.



YVES SAINT LAURENT



CHANEL

PHOTOGRAPHS BY HARRY KERR

Paris couture is luxuriating in a success that has stunned even its creators. Sales have risen over the last year by a staggering 40 per cent. Among the major designer names sales are up by as much as 60 per cent and there is confident talk of a doubling of private clients by 1985.

The result in Paris last week was an almost indecent orgy of opulence - shimmering satin or luxurious deep pile velvets, encrustations of embroidery, lavish trimmings on so-called simple suits and furs like sable and ermine dripping from the model at Chanel as surely as we mortals in the audience dripped with sweat in temperatures of 120 degrees.

With the money has come a new-found youthful zip and confidence. Skirts slashed to the thigh, dresses caressing the curves of the body and provocative marriages of sheer chiffon and liquorice black velvet appeared on Monday morning at the discreet House of Balmain. Yves Saint Laurent's man-tailoring has never looked so gentle or so seductive as in his hourglass sheaths of panned lamé. Everything was wrapped and draped to the figure at Ungaro. And the House of Chanel, which has for the last decade been disguising the figure faults of the bourgeoisie, has rediscovered the female body with its new designer Karl Lagerfeld.

Who is this glamorous new customer for couture? Monsieur Jacques Moudier, president of the Fédération Française de la Couture, points to an important increase in American clients, due partly to the strength of the dollar against the Franc. South Americans, and particularly chic Brazilian ladies, are also an increasing percentage of couture sales, along with Greeks and, more surprisingly, Germans. But the really big spenders are, of course, what the French discreetly describe as the "pentadollar market".

The Arabs, whose dazzling white robes have transformed the sunbaked cafes of the Champs Elysees into a kind of Abu Dhabi-sur-mer, are the hidden factor behind the renaissance of haute couture. Their search for sophisticated and conspicuously glamorous clothes has tuned into the new fashion mood for dressing up. The Couturiers, who were ill at ease with the ethnic extravaganzas of the 1970s, have gone back to the first principles of cut and chic. Yves Saint Laurent admitted that his generous hobble sheath banded at the knees with a swathe of his new "Paris pink" was a reworking of a dress he made originally for the



BALMAIN

YVES SAINT LAURENT Dramatic domino cloak in a silk yellow tulle worn over a black velvet hourglass sheath with black bouclé lace on the bodice. Bejeweled bracelets and earrings.

CHANEL Karl Lagerfeld's reinterpretation of the Chanel cardigan jacket. Dress and cardigan in shimmering black panned velvet with



UNGARO

diagonal tweed, or with a surface of creamy puff balls as light as cotton wool. Although much of the Paris palette is grey or black, Lagerfeld produced stunning tweeds from tomato red, to cyclamen to fondant pink, often mixing shades of red.

Pink was the colour of the season at Saint Laurent. Elsewhere it was subtle black used with black or Jean-Louis Scherrer's black and red and Givenchy's black and white. Animal prints, as luxuriously made as possible, appeared as prints on leather at Scherrer, as lavish bead embroidery in gold and bronze on a tulle blouse at Saint Laurent.

Ungaro's strong collection was based on an asymmetric cut, using velvet to face the single rever of a collarless coat, to slash across the body or hips of a silk-facoon dress, or in some cases, to hold the modesty of the wearer together inside a transparent sheath of lace. Ungaro has softened his cut to produce gently swathed dress ruffled scarily across the body

multi-coloured embroideries. The famous Chanel chains.

BALMAIN The shimmer and shine of panned velvet appliqued in a swirling pattern of brick red and blue on a black wool coat. Worn over a silk-skirt black cire dress.

UNGARO The Paris silhouette: wide shoulders narrowing to a slim skirt. This satin crepe dress with velvet hem and asymmetric velvet bodice. Parisienne cocktail hat.

DIOR The slim chemise, the important Paris dress shape. In houndstooth check printed crepe faconné, unbuttoned at the front.

J-L SCHERRER The fad for animal prints. This leather jacket printed to look like giraffe skin. Worn over a slim dress with beige and black print.



DIOR

Both Lanvin and Cardin tried a different angle. At Lanvin, designer Jules-Francois Crayah used the kimono shape as his inspiration, which made for a less fitted silhouette, although it went with slim skirts.

Pierre Cardin designs clothes for when the space invaders inherit the earth. His coats are a mastery of cut, with wings of fabric growing out of the shoulders of a tweed suit or petals of black leather unfolding from a sleeve seam. In a season when other designers were drawing simple lines but showing them in magnificent fabrics, these fancy effects looked out of line.

With a few poetic lines in the style of his favourite Proust, with the help of a thousand roses and as many friends, the shy and retiring Yves Saint Laurent launched his new perfume last week.

The blonde and porcelain-skinned actress Catherine Deneuve - the nearest you can find in France to an English rose - was the star guest. She accompanied a surprisingly extrovert and smiling Yves around a tour of the assembled throng, which included a lavish display of his new "Paris pink" rose bushes banking the cool pool in its hot courtyard.

This is the first fragrance that Charles of the Ritz has launched for Saint Laurent since he upset the American establishment (and wowed his American customers) with his heady "Optim". The louche world of the Left Bank was suggested by his earlier "Rive Gauche".

The new one is called



"Paris" and smells of roses (although that stifling city last week smelt rather more of drains). This is an extract from Saint Laurent's words that accompany a series of pictures of the sights of Paris (which include empty café chairs, the Horses of Marly, the Eiffel Tower and a lady dressed by YSL): "From pale pink the rose turns to red.

Blood red. The colour of tragedy punctuated by the spikes of gates and the obelisks of greenery neatly aligned. "Paris that sheds its petals at the mercy of the sails of the Moulin Rouge." I am sure it sounds marvellous in French. And a rose in any language smells as sweet.

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THE TIMES DIARY

House grouse

Kingman Brewster, the former American ambassador to London, is returning here on a two year posting in his private profession as lawyer.

Just capital

Jobs for premature graduates of the TV-am school of hard knocks being at a premium, I was invited yesterday to watch Angela Rippon start hers - as holiday relief for Michael Aspel on Capital Radio.

When you were Secretary of State, you said on a number of occasions that in order to contain the Soviet Union it was good to tie its hands with a series of accords or negotiations.

Samuel Pickwick, you may remember, was author of Speculations on the Source of Hampstead Fog, with Some Observations on the Theory of Titlbatats.

TV-am was enlivening its transmissions last week with broadcasts from Blackpool featuring performing animals on the beach.

At the cross roads

Religion is on the road in Britain once more. Gypsy families yesterday left the first international evangelical meeting of Romanians held in this country since the war.

Worming its way

Down Your Way went to Chatham at the weekend and chatted to one of the locals, Johnny Magoo, the one-man band.

Nye memorial

Readers who were moved, as I was, to read the tragically prophetic leader written for the Bank of England staff magazine by its editor, David Nye, shortly before he and all his family died in the Scilly Isles helicopter disaster.

This chap may look familiar, not to say over-familiar. It is only a fortnight since I exposed the fact that he needed a cleaning up job. In a flash the job is taken in hand.

Henry Kissinger, back in harness guiding US policy on Central America, recently took part in a wide-ranging debate with Raymond Aron, a leading French expert on international affairs. These were the main points

Get the Pershings in place, then talks may succeed

ARON: One reads often in newspapers that détente is over and that a new phase in the cold war has started. There is no doubt that the atmosphere between the United States and the Soviet Union has changed.

When you were Secretary of State, you said on a number of occasions that in order to contain the Soviet Union it was good to tie its hands with a series of accords or negotiations.

I would like to raise an objection to your relative optimism. The Soviet economy is inefficient. The population's living standard, far from rising, tends to decline.

Damage caused by the riot at Albany prison, Isle of Wight, in May will cost £1m to repair. In a 12-minute clash at Wormwood Scrubs, London, in June, 25 officers and six prisoners were injured.

Tougher prisons for prison toughs

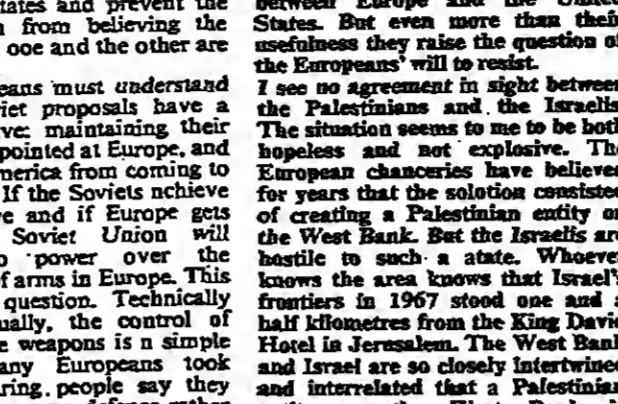
Mr Uzzell comments in a dissertation for an academic degree: "The Prison Service itself was being manipulated, deceived, assaulted and nobody appeared to be defending it."

Mr Uzzell said he acquitted any of the other members of the sub-committee of being involved in what was an individual political tactic, "which was necessary if we were to have a penal system from the military absurdities of Mountbatten."

exercise strict control over the top security prisoners held there, officers were locking them up for 14 hours a day. There was a serious riot in 1972; another in 1978.



Kissinger: warning



Aron: unapologetic

The Europeans must understand that the Soviet proposals have a single objective: maintaining their nuclear force pointed at Europe, and preventing America from coming to help Europe.

When the Soviet Union had 75 of the SS20s and we had none, the Soviets said: there is a balance of power and everything is all right.

The battle is no longer a strategic or military one. It is political or moral. Will one convince European public opinion that this deployment is necessary?

Today prison officers speak of the way tough prisoners prey upon the lesser fry among whom they are dispersed.

Whose countryside is it anyway?

Political lobbies are similar to addictive drugs: they continue to exert great influence long after the pleasure they give has passed.

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Pros and conned on the campus

In the current issue of The Free Nation, the redoubtable Cox and Marks draw attention to an interesting abuse of public funds.

Cox and Marks have studied the students' union at North London Polytechnic. They have discovered that, out of an annual budget for 1982-3 of £180,000, the amount spent in supporting non-political activities of the kind have mentioned was just £20,000.

The existence of the "sabbatical officers" provides a valuable opportunity to political activists, and, as Cox and Marks show, the opportunity is taken.

The student union is nominally a democratic organization. But for all practical purposes its decisions are controlled by the professionals, who have time enough to sit through meetings, to delay and filibuster.

My own inquiries suggest that the political hijacking has occurred at North London Polytechnic has not occurred everywhere, nor is it normal for "sabbatical officers" to be elected for more than one year.

David Hart

Whose countryside is it anyway?

In Britain, apart from the Highlands and wilder hills, certain coastlines, moorland and some marshes, the countryside has its own small, local wildernesses.

For most country dwellers, there will be no thanksgiving this harvest. They have been getting stuck during the winter in snowdrifts because farmers have removed hedges.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 1: The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, this evening attended a reception given by the Royal Ocean Racing Club at The Prospect, Cowes.

Edinburgh will give a luncheon at Buckingham Palace on November 2.

Princess Anne, patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, will attend the annual dinner of the Cardiff with Mid and South Glamorgan Federation at the City Hall, Cardiff on September 30. Princess Anne, Colonel in Chief, Royal Signals, will visit the 35th Signal Regiment (Volunteers) and open a new T4 Centre at Birmingham on October 1. Princess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Women of Achievement luncheon on October 25 in aid of the Women's Own and the Save the Children Appeal for the Westminster or Children's Hospital bone marrow unit at the Dorchester hotel.

Princess Anne, chancellor of London University, will visit Queen Mary College on October 25. Princess Anne, Commandant-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, will attend a Nursing Cadets, will attend a St John Musical Society concert in Exeter Cathedral on October 26.

Birthdays today

Lord Benson, 74; Sir Basil Engblom, 71; Professor E. Maxwell Fry, 84; Mr C. A. Hogg, 47; Major the Hon Sir Francis Legh, 64; Sir Reginald Kurland, 67; Mr Len Murray, 61; Mr Justice Neill, 50; Mr Peter O'Toole, 51; Lieutenant Colonel the Hon Thomas Ponsonby, 53; Dr A. W. Spence, 83; Professor Sir Peter Swainson-Dyer, 50; Dame Mary Welch, 87; Mr Alan Whicker, 58; Lord Wigman, 68; Sir John Willis, 73.

Christening

The infant son of Colonel and Mrs Maximilian Trotter was christened Maximilian Alexander James by Mr Frederick Miles at St James's Church, Spanish Place, London, W1, on Monday, July 25, 1983. The Rev Jeremy Davies was the officiating minister. The godparents are Mr Paul Jones, Mr John Spencer-Silver, Colonel Alfred Matousek, Mr Felix Mayer, Miss Bridget Heaton-Armstrong, and Lady Colin Campbell.

Gray's Inn

His honour Judge Brian Gibbons, QC, has been elected treasurer of Gray's Inn for 1984, in succession to Professor Ronald Gravison, QC. The Hon Mrs Justice Heilbrunn, has been elected Vice-treasurer for the same period.

Professor Derek Bok, President of Harvard University, and Group Captain Leonard Chesire, VC, OM, have been elected honorary Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Clothworkers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Clothworkers' Company for the ensuing year: Master Mr James Officer Green on Wardens: Mr Richard L. L. Davies and Mr F. Lionel Roberts; Junior Wardens: Professor John C. Waterlaw and Mr Alan A. M. May-Smith.

Progress of legislation

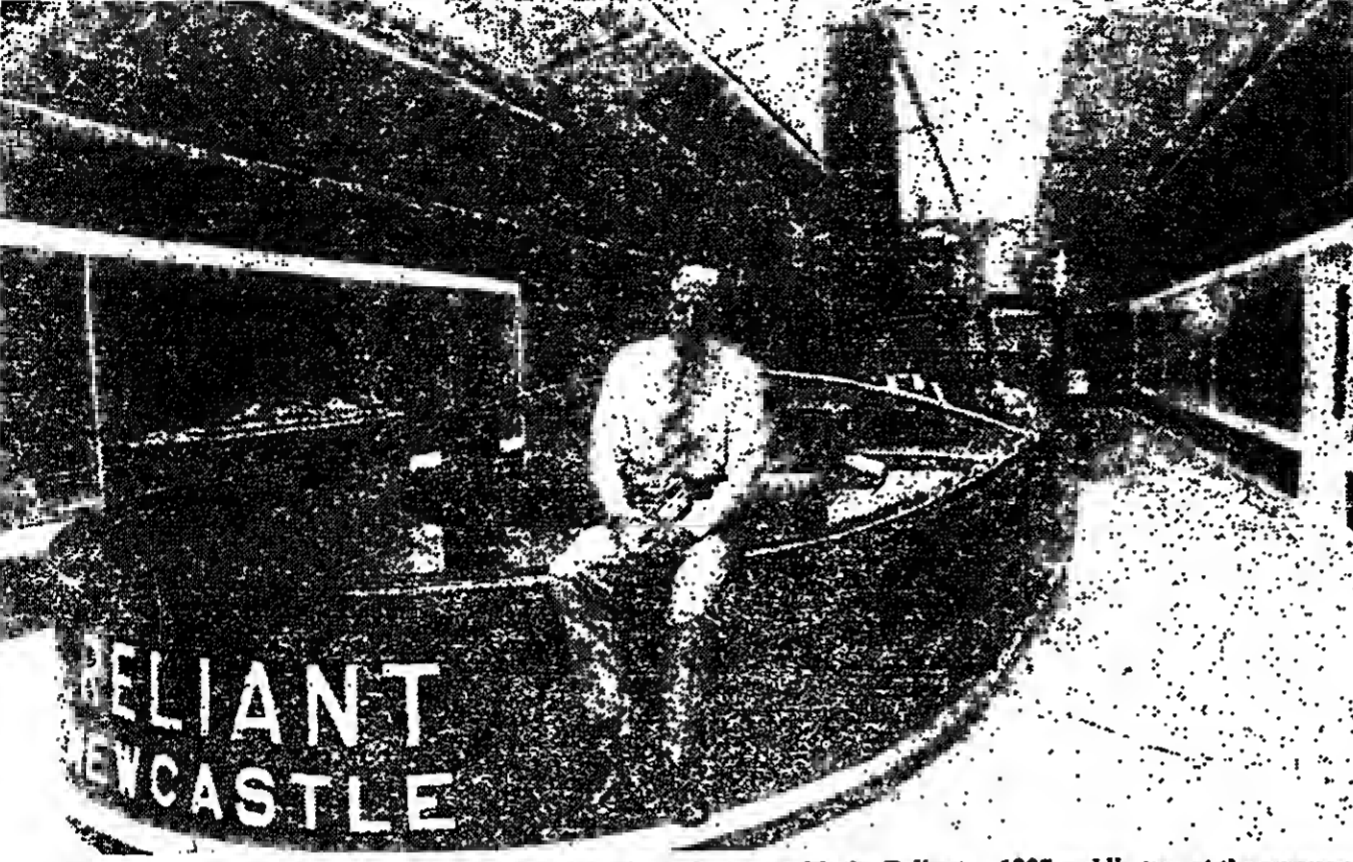
Supervisors, July 26: King's College London bill and Standard Chartered (Branches) bill with first reading and second reading. The Finance Bill will be introduced on July 26. The Bill will be introduced on July 26. The Bill will be introduced on July 26. The Bill will be introduced on July 26. The Bill will be introduced on July 26.

Royal Medal winners

The Royal Society has awarded Royal Medals to the following: Professor J. F. C. Kingman, FRCS, chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council and professor of mathematics Oxford University, in recognition of his researches on queueing theory, on regenerative phenomena, and on the mathematical genetics.

Science report

Single-cell protein on the menu
By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent



Dr Neil Cossons, the new director of the National Maritime Museum, with the Reliant, a 1907 paddle tug, at the museum yesterday. (Photograph: John Manning)

Museum sets its sights on doomed dockyard

By Christopher Warnan, Arts Correspondent

Dr Neil Cossons, aged 44, yesterday took up his post as director of the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, admitted that the announcement of the cuts was "a hard one to swallow, but we will cope". He believes that as interest in maritime history grows, the museum must respond and develop on maritime-related companies in fields such as insurance and banking to provide finance.

Latest wills

- Mrs Agnes Elisabeth Clark, of Harpenden, London, Elisabeth Lutyns, the composer, and daughter of Sir Edwin Lutyns, the architect, left estate valued at £47,063 net.
- Miss Mary Trevelyan, of Chelsea, London, founder and governor of the International Students' House, left estate valued at £12,307 net.
- Sir Kenneth Oswald Peppitt, of Buckinghamshire, who was Chief Cashier of the Bank of England from 1934 to 1949, and Executive Director from 1949 to 1957, left £15,800 net. He left £250 to the Army Benevolent Fund and King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers.
- Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Aeworth, Miss Winifred Aeworth, of Hamstead, London, £468,430. Several other oil and chemical companies which plunged into single cell protein development in the late 1960s abandoned their projects in the 1970s because the oil-based feedstock became too expensive.

Church news

- The Rev G. E. Maudslayi, chaplain to the Duke of Devonshire, was elected to the vacant office of Secretary to the Diocese of Salisbury, to succeed the late Rev G. E. Maudslayi.
- The Rev J. A. Potts, rector of St Paul's, Winchester, will be elected to the vacant office of Secretary to the Diocese of Winchester, to succeed the late Rev J. A. Potts.
- The Rev P. V. Rendall, vicar of St Paul's, Winchester, will be elected to the vacant office of Secretary to the Diocese of Winchester, to succeed the late Rev P. V. Rendall.
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Marshall scholars

- The following students from the United States have been awarded Marshall scholarships for October: D. S. Bennett, Harvard, at New College, Oxford.
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Latest appointments

- Mr David Challis, manager of BBC Radio Humberside, to be senior manager for BBC local radio in the North.
- Mr F. A. Beveridge, to be assistant secretary to the Insurance Institute of London, from August 30. He succeeds Mr S. L. Tunstall, who is retiring for health reasons.

Marriages

- Mr R. Liddle and the Hon Caroline Thomson. The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at Lambeth Methodist Mission between Mr Roger Liddle, only son of Mr and Mrs John Liddle, of Carlisle, and the Hon Caroline Thomson, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Thomson of Monifieth. A reception was held at the House of Commons.
- Professor A. E. Campbell and Miss J. A. Collins. The marriage took place on July 28 at the Town Church, Guernsey, between Professor Alexander Campbell, son of Mrs Emma Campbell and the late Rev Dr J. Y. Campbell, and Miss Juliette Jeanne d'Auvergne Collins, daughter of Major-General and Mrs W. A. Collins, of St Peter Port, Guernsey.

OBITUARY

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Former Ambassador to China

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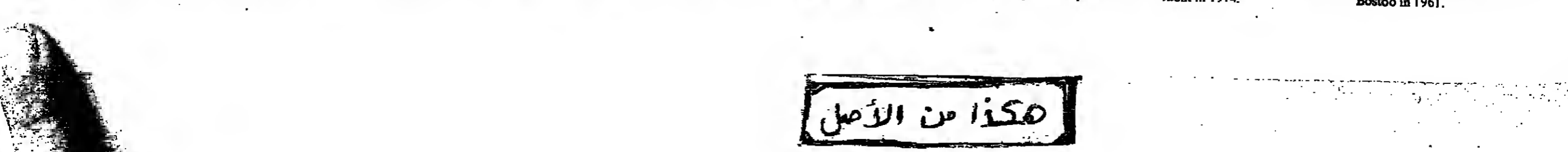
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Mrs June McCalmont, the racehorse owner and breeder who died near Newmarket on July 31 aged 69, following a long illness caused by a fall in Ireland two years ago, was the widow of the late Major Dermot McCalmont of the Tetrach fame, who was himself a member of the Jockey Club and as an owner and breeder, a staunch supporter of racing in both England and Ireland for many years.

MRS ESTHER BICK

psychologist

Mrs Esther Bick, a pioneer of infant observation and of psychoanalytic work with children, died in London on July 21, at the age of 83. She was born in Orthodox Jewish parents in a small Polish city and by courage, perseverance and intelligence pursued her education without assistance.



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Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 707.1 down 4.1 FT 1000: 78.85 down 0.14 FT All Share: 443.03 down 2.93 (Datastream estimate)

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5085 down 1.25 cents Index 85.6 up 0.2 DM 4.0450 up 0.02

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 1/2 Finance houses base rate 10 1/2 Discount market loans week fixed 9 3/4

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$413.25 pm \$411.25 Close \$408.25-409 (£270.50-271) down \$13

TODAY

Interim: Silverthorne, Fimlist Equipu, Jacksons Bourne End, Unitech

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Glossop, Vale Road, Torrbridge, Kent (noon); Stood & Simpson, Fosse Way, Syston, Leicester (11.00); Sutcliffe, Speakman, the St James's Club, St James's House, Charlotte Street, Manchester (12.30); United Electronic Holdings, Great Eastern Hotel, EC2 (noon); Warrford Investments, Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, EC2 (noon)

SECURITIES

Security Centres offer for sale of 11.3 million shares - about a third of the equity - in its newly formed US holding company Scausa Inc, at \$5p a share was oversubscribed

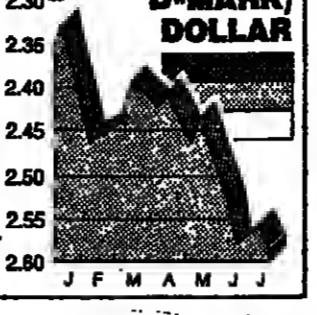
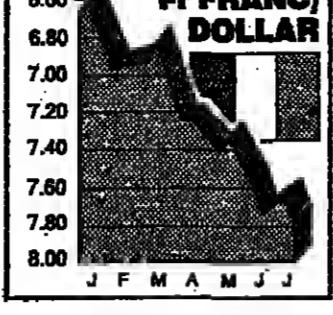
Deutsche mark weakens and franc sinks to record low

Dollar leaps again as US interest rate rise looks unavoidable

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Growing fears that American interest rates will rise pushed the dollar to peaks on world financial markets yesterday. It soared 3.5 pence on an eight year high of DM2.6780 against an enfeebled Deutsche Mark and touched record levels against the French franc among other European currencies.

Reserve Board's new target range signals that the Fed may be tightening credit policy further to rein this growth back and remarks by Mr Henry Kaufman, the Wall Street analyst, that interest rates were on their way up.



RITN takes 50% of Wall Street bank

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

RIT and Northern (RITN), the fast-growing financial services group headed by Mr Jacob Rothschild, is exercising options to take a 50 per cent interest in L. F. Rothschild Untermyer, Towbin, the Wall Street investment bank, for \$63.5m (£42m).



Jacob Rothschild moving into Wall Street

L. F. Rothschild, which bears no connection with the Rothschild banking family, is the leading US investment bank in new share issues and has been enjoying one of its best years on the back of the boom in Wall Street.

RITN is only the second British institution to take a major stake in one of the big Wall Street investment banks. A major stake in the House, the moneybroking group, paid \$91m to take over the Oppenheimer broking firm.

Mr Robert Towbin, vice-chairman and senior managing director of the New York firm, said the motive for the deal "was fundamentally financial. I also like Jacob and hope we can do a lot of things together."

Mr Francois Mayer, chief executive of RITN who will join the investment bank's five-man management committee, said RITN would help L. F. Rothschild to develop internationally. At present it has no overseas operations.

City doubles its profits overseas

By Our Economics Correspondent

The City of London has doubled its surplus on overseas business over the past two years, and now accounts for more than 80 per cent of Britain's net investible earnings by the private sector.

Last year, the City's surplus jumped by nearly a quarter to a record \$4,406m from \$3,506m in 1981 and \$2,309m in 1980, boosted by big increases in the net overseas earnings of banks and insurance companies.

This income has roughly doubled every year since 1979, when it was a meagre \$45m. The insurance industry is the second biggest investible earner in the City, its net earnings of \$1,170m last year which represented 27 per cent of the total, were up 20 per cent from 1981, almost entirely due to higher income from investments abroad.

BPCC bids £18m for Waddington

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell's British Printing & Communication Corporation yesterday raised its bid price for John Waddington to £18.2m. The new offer was enough to buy out Norton Opax, its rival for control of the Monopoly games maker, but the bid failed to get the backing of the Waddington directors.

Mr Victor Watson, Waddington chairman, rejected the bid, urged shareholders to take no action and said: "I still don't think it is enough."

Second Schroder outsider

By Our Banking Correspondent

Schroder Wagg, the City merchant bank which recently announced the appointment of Mr Win Bischoff as its youngest ever chairman, is strengthening its equity side with the appointment of Mr William Harrison at 34.

Mr Harrison has become a director of the merchant bank after leaving the troubled oil company Tricentral where he was group treasurer and head of corporate finance.

GEC pulls out of Torch deal

By Our Economics Correspondent

GEC has pulled out of its provisional agreement to buy a majority stake in Torch, the troubled microcomputer company.

Instead, Torch's existing shareholders will put up £1m, which the board says is more than sufficient to meet immediate financial requirements.

Shares give ground in moderate trading

New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Stocks gave ground slowly in moderately active trading yesterday.

WALL STREET

The Dow Jones industrial average was down almost 7 points after failure of a recovery that had cut its early loss of about 5 points back to a fraction.

Losers were nearly 5-to-2 ahead of advances. Mr Ralph Acampora, vice-president for Technical Analysis at Kidder Peabody & Co, said: "There is still too much complacency even after last week's drop. For the first time since the market upturn began last August the market has suffered some internal damage

Bausch Lomb was down 2 1/2 at 54. Barron's Magazine reported that strong new competitors were moving in on Bausch Lomb's soft contact lens market. Many of its earlier smaller competitors have been taken over by large companies with strong marketing skills and financial muscle.

Victor field spearheads N Sea gas drive

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Confirmation of the Government's hopes of a resurgence of offshore oil and gas development in the North Sea has come with the announcement that the Victor field off the Norfolk-Suffolk coast is to go ahead.

The field will be operated by Conoco UK with its partners Britoil and Mobil North Sea, and gas will come ashore next year. The field was discovered in 1972 and its production viability reassessed in 1980.

Mr Alec Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State at the Department of Energy, said yesterday: "The Victor field offers a valuable boost for further development by companies of known and new resources."

The Victor field is one of seven new gas fields the Government is expected to approve this year and is likely to set a pattern by becoming the first completely unmanned gas production facility in the North Sea.

BP has been awarded five exploration concessions in what is being described as the world's most ambitious offshore drilling programme.

With its consortium partners from Canada, Brazil and Australia, BP believes that the South-China Sea could yield more oil and gas than the North Sea.

BCal on course for return to profit

By Edward Towse, Industrial Correspondent

British Caledonian, the nation's largest independent airline and the latest to face sales pressure from the European Airbus Industrie consortium, is confident of returning to profitability after two years of losses.

While BCal employees have been told recently that 1982-83 results - covering the year up to the end of October - remain extremely uncertain, Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of Aviation Group, told The Times that the airline was now operating profitably and was "well on target".

The Gatwick-based group, which includes subsidiaries involved in travel, hotels, helicopters and engineering, as well as the airline, was barely profitable in 1981-82, earning a pretax figure of £1.54m from consolidated turnover of £400.6m. The result, however, marked a rapid turnaround from a loss of £6.2m recorded the previous year.

BCal, whose lucrative South American services continue to be hit badly by the aftermath of the Falklands hostilities, lost £655,000 last year, compared with £8m in 1980-81. Now, the airline is being wooed by Airbus to place orders for its proposed A320, the 150-seater aircraft which is not yet off the drawing board and which is being regarded with scepticism in particular by the British and West German governments, both of whom would have to stump up large amounts of development cash if the project goes ahead.



Towse: BCal "well on target"

Sir Adam, who will need replacements for at least 10 of BCal's 16 1-11s, is keenly aware that with airline investment remaining depressed he is operation in a buyer's market. No decision about replacements will be made until the end of the year, he said. "We are considering all options."

IN BRIEF

Shares give ground in moderate trading... GEC pulls out of Torch deal... Victor field spearheads N Sea gas drive... Airline in 'buyers' market' for new aircraft... BMW's turnover was £86.89bn (£1.74m) in the first half of this year, up 15.6 per cent compared with the same period last year.

City Editor's Comment: Third tier needed on securities cake

The traditional complaint of small businessmen is that they cannot raise capital either to start a business from scratch, or to develop one which is already established.

exchange beneath the Stock Exchange and the Unlisted Securities Market. So far, there is no great enthusiasm among the authorities for the creation of such a market - but surely it is better that they take such an enterprise under their wing and regulate it properly, rather than shun it.

Stemming the rising offshore tide: Whoever advised the Chancellor of the Exchequer not to close the tax loophole on offshore rollover funds in the last Budget misjudged the market. They ought now to be alarmed at the rate of growth of these funds.

Offshore rollover funds have enormous appeal to the private investor as a means of turning taxable interest into a capital gain. With judicious encashment of investments, all tax can be legitimately avoided.

AGA AGA Aktiebolag (Incorporated with limited liability in the Kingdom of Sweden) Notice to the holders of the outstanding 7 1/4 per cent. Convertible Bonds 1989 of the Company in the denomination of U.S.\$1,000 each ("the Bonds") convertible into fully paid registered ordinary shares Series B of 50 Swedish kronor each of the Company which are free shares for the purposes of the Swedish Companies Act 1975 ("B Shares")

Mazda sales help TKM recovery

By Wayne Lintott

Booming sales of the Japanese car group Mazda have provided a much needed fillip for the ailing importing company Tozer Kemistry & Millbourn (Holding).

WALL STREET

Table with columns for Date, Bid, Offer, and various stock symbols like IBM, AMF, etc.

Stronger challenge for Waddington

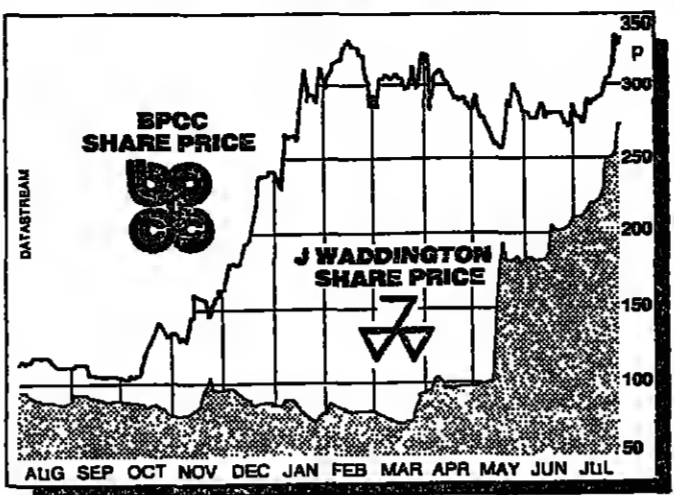
The ability of John Waddington, the master of the Monopoly game, to maintain its independence now looks doubtful.

For almost two months the Leeds company has fought off rival bids from the small lottery ticket company Norton Opax and the much larger British Printing & Communications Corporation.

Mr Maxwell threw the dice again yesterday and increased his offer to a level which must challenge seriously Waddington's defence.

It says that profits this year will be not less than £3m and that the dividend will total 15p. Both figures represent record payouts.

Nevertheless, Waddington is still determined to fight on despite BPPC's strong position. With the Norton shares in the bag BPPC speaks for about a fifth of the company.



memories are short - which is probably just as well because if they were not, nothing would be done - and there are distinct signs that enthusiasm for Anupocodan gold mines is

The most important reason for gold mines, big and small, coming back into favour is a good one. Australian mines have always suffered from relatively high production costs, and they became uneconomic in the mid-1970s.

For shareholders who have seen their income cut and the price of the shares down this year to 68p it is difficult to imagine what Waddington can say to convince them to hold on.

Gold mines

Mention the name Poseidon round the City and Greek mythology is not the first thought which comes to mind.

Forward Technology

Forward Technology Industries Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £111,000 (loss £183,000)

All subsidiaries of the heavily pruned Forward Technology Industries are now back to profit. However, the mountain of debt relating to the discontinued businesses, accounting for about half of the £520,000 net assets, still weighs heavily on the profitability for the first half of 1983.

However, borrowings have been whittled down by about £1m from the year end level to £7.5m and the market celebrated the return in pretax profits with a 5p rise to 34p.

The best news is in the sound and vision division where operating profits jumped to £341,000 from just £99,000 in the comparable period thanks to the opening up of new market areas such as computer cassettes for video games

APPOINTMENTS

Westgate chairman elected

Westgate Insurance Company: Mr G. Grabscheid has been elected chairman after the retirement of Mr R. S. Lane.

John Laing International: Mr John Armit has been appointed assistant managing director. He will be responsible for the company's work in Iraq, Egypt, Nigeria and the Falkland Islands.

Wolverhampton Abrasives: Mr R. T. Clark has become director and general manager of the company, a subsidiary of IMI.

Stewart Wrightson (Reinsurance) Brokers: Mr B. E. Desjardins has become a director.

British Telecommunications: Mr John Alvey has been appointed managing director, development and procurement, and engineering.

Mr David Gare has been appointed chairman and managing director. Mr Kerry Brown sales director, and Mr David Hill technical director, responsible for all hardware and software development.

Winchester Bowring: Mr R G Stone has become a director. Mr J M Dowling and Mr J E Sprakes have been appointed departmental directors. Mr M V Gallafant and Mr S D L Perry have become assistant directors.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, COPPER, LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET, LONDON COMMODITY PRICES, RUBBER, and LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL.

Large table of financial data including Authorized Units & Insurance Funds, with columns for Bid, Offer, and various fund names.

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Marketing and Advertising: Torin Douglas asks why a potential target is being missed

Ignored generation loses out to the oldest obsession

QUESTIONS are starting to be asked about the advertising man's dictum that young people have money to spend and older people have none. A series of conferences has been held on the subject this year, the last called by Age Concern in London last week when 300 businessmen and members of the organization discussed "Older People in the Consumer Market Place". This article joins in the discussion.

%	55-64	65+
of population	15.1	17.8
of expenditure	18.9	11.8
of credit	6.9	2.6
of savings	30.1	34.1

Source: AGB Index

	Total	45-54	55-64
Sandwich toaster	83%	85%	81%
Filter coffee machine	21	25	20
Food processor	16	22	17
Rotisserie grill	7	10	4
Microwave oven	4	7	2

Source: Taylor Nelson and Associates

young. Cash savings incentives for schoolchildren are an example.

If new customers are coming into the market, a company has a far better chance of winning them to its products than it has of persuading existing users to switch brands. In addition, young people are often thought to have a good deal of disposable income, either because, as children, they receive substantial pocket money or, once they start working, because they have no major financial commitments such as mortgages, or because when newly married they may have two salaries but no children. They are also more likely to be receptive to new ideas.

"This is 40 per cent of the adult population. This would appear to be an enormous potential market and one wonders why relatively little attention has been paid to it in the past by the sellers of goods and services.

One reason, says Mr Lind, is that it is widely believed that older people are relatively poor and unwilling to spend, a view given some substance by figures from the Family Expenditure Survey of 1980 which showed that while the 50-60 age group earned substantially more than the national average, those aged between 60 and 65 fell somewhat below and the over-65s were overwhelmingly in the lowest earnings category.

recession has made its impact through a heavy increase in unemployment. This has undoubtedly affected the younger age groups, particularly those below 25, but relatively has had less impact on those over 50 and, by definition, no impact at all on the retired."

As Mr Lind suggests, over-definition for marketing purposes, since those between the age of 50 and 60 could well be at the highest earnings level of their life, while most those over 65 will rely on a pension. And both groups are almost ignored by the marketing world.

Mr Derek Davies, marketing manager of the IPC women's

magazines group, analysed the list of requests from advertising agencies involving IPC titles. "Of 62 requests, only two involved a target market of over-45s. No fewer than 50 were for targets of the under-45s or the under-35s. Ten had a broad 'all women' or 'all housewives' target. That is a fairly typical balance in our experience, and explains the problem faced by the prospective publisher of a mature market women's monthly."

Mr Davies believes that the public would welcome a magazine aimed specifically at older women, but that lack of interest from advertisers ensures that such a title will not be launched.

There is no magazine produced with specifically the alert, intelligent older woman in mind. *Woman and Home* is one of those magazines that come closest to this ideal but even its publisher regarded with some concern signs that it was increasing its elderly readership.

But while companies profess to be aiming at the younger market for sound commercial reasons, it is arguable that by doing so they are alienating a major potential market.

Rather than treat the old as a separate market, the answer could be to include them in the commercials aimed at the mainstream mass market. "At present some marketing people still fear that if I put somebody from an older age group in my advertising, my product will look old-fashioned," says Mr Mo Drake, deputy chairman of Lintas, the advertising agency.

This reluctance to include older people in commercials is curious when one considers that this group watches proportion-

ally more television than most - around half of ITV viewing, in terms of hours viewed, accounted for by the over-55s.


What makes the problem acute - and why the marketing business is turning its attention to the issue - is not just that the over-50s are seen to have significant disposable income but that people are living longer. This section of the population is getting larger.

Some firms have started to get the message, mainly in the financial field, where a number of companies are producing specific policies and advertisements for the over-50s, notably Sun Life Assurance which has been advertising its 50-plus motor policies with headlines such as "With our motor policy, a 50-year-old expert doesn't have to subsidise a 20-year-old teenager". Saga Holidays is another exception that proves the rule.

For most marketing companies, however, the over-50s are still regarded as "non-consumers", in spite of the fact that for a number of key markets they out-perform the population as a whole.

Mr David Winton, chairman of the Taylor Nelson research company, told the conference that the 45-54 age group was a big buyer of "modern" consumer durables, such as sandwich toasters, coffee filter machines, food processors and rotisserie grills.

"Overall, the over-50s do seem to be an attractive market," says Mr Winton. "As their children leave home, their lives become emptier, they have more money to spend on themselves and they are often seeking a more meaningful life. Neglect them at your peril."



Marshall's Halifax PLC

Sales £47.25m up 18%
Pre-tax profit £3.55m up 24%
Total dividends 6p up 20%

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Mr. David R. Marshall, chairman

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Return to profitability

Directors' Interim Report to Shareholders

Consolidated unaudited results for six months to 30th June 1983	6 Months to 30th June 1983	6 Months to 30th June 1982	Year to 31st Dec. 1982
Turnover*	388,000	543,000	933,000
Trading Profits (losses) Associate Companies	1,048 (2,895)	(2,251) 903	(6,885) 545
Profit/(loss) before Taxation	3,935	(1,348)	(6,340)
Taxation	1,689	(197)	363
Profit/(loss) after Taxation	2,326	(1,151)	(6,703)
Minority Interests	(69)	293	511
Earnings/(loss)	2,257	(858)	(6,192)
Extraordinary Items	(482)	(854)	(19,934)
Profit/(loss) attributable to Shareholders	1,775	(1,712)	(26,146)
Taxation - United Kingdom Overseas Associates	(382) (652)	(2,654) 523	(4,959) 1,898
Earnings/(loss) per Share:	4.2p	(1.6p)	(11.5p)

*No turnover is included in respect of Associates.

At the Annual General Meeting on 19th July I confirmed to Shareholders that the Company had continued to trade profitably since the Preliminary Announcement of the 1982 Results. I am pleased now to release the unaudited Accounts for the Half Year to the 30th June 1983.

Unless some unforeseeable event or circumstance should arise, your Directors believe that the Company's performance will continue to be satisfactory for the rest of this year.

There will be some further additional extraordinary write-offs at the end of the year resulting from the continuing restructuring and rationalisation of the Company's operations. The benefit from these actions will be realised in 1984 and onwards.

Despite this encouraging return to profitability the Directors are not declaring an Interim Dividend.

SIR MONTAGUE PRICHARD
CHAIRMAN

1st August 1983

However, there is a growing realization among many marketing people that this concentration on youth has gone too far and that it is short-sighted to aim products so firmly at young people when the middle-aged have so much disposable income.

Older people have more money to spend than has been generally assumed. Yet only financial advisers seem to have grasped this. Older people in Britain over the age of 50, of whom almost 9 million are more than 65, Mr Hans Lind, an economic consultant maintains.

"As is often the case with government statistics, however, these figures are potentially misleading to marketers," says Mr Lind. "The definition of income used is 'normal weekly income', which is a category designed to show how much people in employment earn - not the real disposable income of the retired.

"The latter is often supplemented by savings or gifts from families and is helped by the fact that necessary outgoings tend to be very much smaller, due to the absence of a dependent family and the probability that housing costs are lower.

"A further reason sometimes advanced for marketers to ignore the old is that, over the past few years, government policy has tended to work against old age pensioners, thus lowering their purchasing power.

"In fact, this appears to be the reverse of the truth. The major way in which the present

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9 1/2 %
Burdays	9 1/2 %
BOCI	9 1/2 %
Consolidated Crds	9 1/2 %
C. Hoare & Co	9 1/2 %
Lloyds Bank	9 1/2 %
Midland Bank	9 1/2 %
Nat Westminster	9 1/2 %
TSB	9 1/2 %
Williams & Glyn's	9 1/2 %

* 7 day deposits on terms of 120,000, 9% £10,000 up to £50,000, 7% £50,000 and over, 6%.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.Y. (INCORPORATED IN U.S.A.)

U.S. SECURITIES

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That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31st 1982 of F. L. Smith & Co. are available at the office of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., Corporate Trust Department, 60 Broadway, New York, New York, U.S.A.

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June, 1983. Principal Paying Agent.

Coca-Cola Bottling of New York Finance N.V.

Curacao, Netherlands Antilles

Notice of Redemption to Holders of 6 3/4 % Convertible Subordinated Debentures due August 15, 1993

Pursuant to Article Eleven of the Indenture dated as of August 15, 1978 among Coca-Cola Bottling of New York Finance N.V., The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York, Inc. and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as trustee ("Trustee"), as amended by the First Supplemental Indenture dated August 13, 1981, EACH DEBENTURE WILL BE REDEEMED ON THE DATE, AT THE PRICE AND ON THE TERMS SPECIFIED BELOW:

REDEMPTION DATE: August 15, 1983
REDEMPTION PRICE: \$1,030.00 per Debenture
DEBENTURES TO BE REDEEMED: All outstanding Debentures
INTEREST: COUPONS

On the Redemption Date, the Redemption Price together with any accrued interest will become due and payable upon each Debenture redeemed. The coupon for each Debenture which matures on August 15, 1983 shall be detached and presented for payment in the usual manner. After the Redemption Date interest shall cease to accrue on each such Debenture and coupons maturing after such date shall be void.

HOW TO REDEEM:

Debentures, together with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the Redemption Date, are to be surrendered for payment either by hand delivery or by mail, to the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, the main office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt/Main, London, Paris and Zurich, Banque Bauxiller-Lambert S.A. in Brussels, Banque de l'Indochine et de Suez in Paris, J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited in London, Swiss Bank Corporation in Zurich, Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale in Düsseldorf, Banque Internationale a Luxembourg in Luxembourg and Bank Morgan Labouchere N.V. in Amsterdam, along with the name (and address) in which the cash shall be issued.

CONVERSION:

As a result of certain mergers of which the Debentureholders were previously notified and pursuant to the First Supplemental Indenture, EACH DEBENTURE IS CONVERTIBLE INTO THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE \$1,155.54 IN CASH, without any interest accumulated thereon.

TERMINATION OF CONVERSION:

The right to convert Debentures for \$1,155.54 in cash per Debenture will terminate at the close of business on August 10, 1983. Debentureholders who convert will not be entitled to payment of any interest accrued on the Debentures since August 15, 1982. Debentures surrendered between August 11 and August 16, 1983 will not be converted but will be held for redemption at a rate of \$1,030.00 per Debenture on August 15, 1983.

HOW TO CONVERT:

Holders who desire to convert such Debentures into cash at the rate of \$1,155.54 per Debenture may do so by tendering such Debentures in the same manner described above as Holders who wish to redeem Debentures, provided such Debentures are accompanied by a written notice requesting such conversion and stating the name (with address) in which the cash shall be issued.

As a result of the foregoing, Debentureholders have a right to:

- (1) surrender their Debentures for redemption on or after August 15, 1983 and receive \$1,030.00 per Debenture; or
- (2) convert their Debentures on or before the close of business on August 10, 1983 and receive \$1,155.54 per Debenture.

COCA-COLA BOTTLING OF NEW YORK FINANCE N.V.

July 6, 1983

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(In Millions of Dollars) June 30 1983

ASSETS		
Cash and Due from Banks		\$4,514
Deposits at Interest with Banks		11,160
Investment Securities		4,812
Trading Account Securities		2,023
Federal Funds Sold and Securities Purchased Under Resale Agreements		4,640
Loans and Lease Financing, Net		562,167
Commercial Loans (Less allowance for possible losses on loans of \$329 and \$432 in 1983 and 1982, respectively)		24,297
Consumer Loans (Less allowance for credit losses of \$203 and \$169, in 1983 and 1982, respectively)		1,743
Lease Financing (Less allowance for possible losses of \$7 in 1983 and 1982)		588,207
Total Loans and Lease Financing, Net		8,080
Customers' Acceptance Liability		1,682
Premises and Equipment		1,812
Interest and Fees Receivable		3,333
Other Assets		
Total		\$130,193
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits in Domestic Offices		\$8,829
Time Deposits in Domestic Offices		19,145
Deposits in Overseas Offices		50,947
Total Deposits		578,821
Purchased Funds and Other Borrowings		21,121
Acceptances Outstanding		3,073
Accrued Taxes and Other Expenses		2,488
Other Liabilities		3,481
Intermediate-Term Debt (Original maturities from one to 15 years)		7,964
Long-Term Debt (Original maturities of 15 years or more)		2,485
Convertible Notes		349
Redeemable Preferred Stock		40
Total		\$130,193
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred Stock (Without Par Value)		\$390
Common Stock (\$4.00 par)		546
Surplus		894
Retained Earnings		3,853
Common Stock in Treasury, at Cost		(382)
Total		\$5,391
Total		\$130,193

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HAMPTON GOLD MINING AREAS

Results for the year to	31.3.83	31.3.82
	£'000s	£'000s
Turnover	10,417	8,000
Profit before tax	2,468	3,010
Profit after tax	2,318	1,911
Earnings per share	16.57p	13.68p
Dividends per share	3.75p	3.00p

The Chairman, Lord Wakehurst, reports:-

- * Earnings per share rose 21% to 16.57p.
- * Dividends per share increased 25% to 3.75p.
- * The Company is at an exciting stage with new initiatives in gold, coal and oil coming on stream.
- * Considerable activity has taken place during the year on the Company's North Sea oil interests. In particular, it is proposed to proceed to development of the Balmoral Field in the North Sea. The development plan is currently being considered in preliminary form by the Department of Energy.
- * New interests have been developed in gold mining and mineral exploration in Australia, with the Parago Gold Mine in Kalgoorlie producing the first gold in March, 1983. New interests in oil and gas production and coal recovery in the U.S.A. have also been developed. The U.K. Coal Division has been expanded.
- * Performance of the Wifex Group and the U.K. Coal Division has been particularly encouraging this year.
- * The £77 million rights issue in April, 1983, has materially strengthened the Company.

Copies of the 1983 Annual Report may be obtained from the Secretary, Hampton Gold Mining Areas PLC, Management House, Parker Street, London WC2B 9PT.

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General Electric Credit International N.V.

Dated: July 7, 1983

MARKET REPORT

Dunlop's overseas control

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Closing day, Aug 15. Settlement day, Aug 22.

Overseas investors now control more than half the shares in Dunlop, Brito's ailing multinational tyre company. The New York-based Morgan Guaranty Trust announced yesterday that it has increased its holdings in London from 12.2 per cent to 17.4 per cent of Dunlop.

These represent American Depository Receipts held, according to Morgan Guaranty, on behalf of a large number of individuals.

The Malaysian Pegi group already holds 26.1 per cent of Dunlop shares and since June has had two representatives on the board. Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, formally announced yesterday that he will not refer the purchase of this holding to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Dunlop also estimates that Far East interests own a further 8 per cent of its shares in the form of local bearer certificates represented by block bought in London and certificates, which entitle their unknown owners to shares brought in London and held centrally by stockbrokers and others.

The company believes that the American-held shares do represent individual speculative purchases rather than a single source block. It has had several inquiries from new shareholders asking what Dunlop does. And the depository receipts have built up steadily Morgan an-

Mr Robin Gilchrist, at brokers James Capel, yesterday revealed details of new research in the US which shows that Glaxo's new anti-ulcer drug, Zantac, has already increased its share of the new prescriptions market from 7 per cent to 12.2 per cent. However, despite the bullish news, Glaxo shares were down 10p at 90p on the days trading.

At last December balance sheet values, shareholders funds total £251m, £387m on current costs basis. On the stock market, where Dunlop shares were unchanged at 62p yesterday, the group is valued at £39m. Pegi has suggested it is a long-term holder and has a deal for joint control of Dunlop's Malaysian interests awaiting Malaysian government approval.

Elsewhere, the first day of the new account was marked by a heavy early morning fall in leading share prices as the market responded to the sharp overnight fall on Wall Street on Friday.

Poor American money supply figures also heightened fears of higher interest rates in New York, but the London market recovered during the afternoon to leave the FT Index down by 4.1 points at 707.1 at the close. Gilts were down by 3/4 at their worst, but also came back and

the FT Gilts Index closed down 0.14 at 78.85. Among the leading shares ICI were down by 10p at one stage, but later rallied to finish 2p down at 524p. Shares of Boots were effectively unchanged at 166p in their new slurred down form.

Analyses are looking for a 25 per cent increase to £1m in pretax profits this year at Dares Estates, the property group, its shares stand at 19p, against stated assets of 29p per share, and the company has now re-let 30 per cent of the Pacific Professional Centre, in the United States, which has been a problem investment since an important tenant left the premises last year.

Aurora Holdings returned to the market at 5p, to close at 7p, after the share suspension and capital reconstruction. Much of the early excitement

was provided by simultaneous announcements from Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing & Communications Corporation. Mr Maxwell upped his bid for John Waddington, the Monopoly games company, from £13m to £15m, while announcing details of a £20m scheme to redevelop the Oldmans printing plant site at Walford.

BPPC shares were down 6p at 106p by the afternoon, with Waddington shares jumping 20p to 280p in early trading, later to fall back to close at 4p at 264p.

Meanwhile, shares of Norton Opax, the lottery tickets company, which announced it was pulling out of the bidding for Waddington were down 5p at 123p on publication of the news.

Bank shares were also out of favour in the middle of the reporting season. Barclays led the sector down, falling 10p to close at 479p, while Lloyds Bank shares were down by 30p at 514p after going ex dividend. Midland Bank, held firm at 444p, but National Westminster, also ex dividend, were down by 25p at 619p.

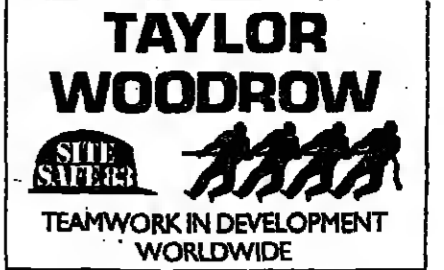


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Dixons, the High Street group, last week announced a £21m expansion programme reflecting consumer interest in electronics. ROGER WOOLNOUGH talks to Mark Souhami, managing director of the retail division.

Come into the shop and try a computer

In the High Streets of Britain, they are trying to get to grips with the microcomputer. As consumer interest soars, and sales mushroom, many stores are seizing the chance to expand their business. Yet while retailers have no doubts about the microcomputer's significance, uncertainties continue to cloud the way these new opportunities are to be exploited.

One retail group which has grasped the micro is Dixons. The company tested a computer centre in one store at the end of 1981, and the operation went national last July. Today about 30 Dixons stores have large areas devoted to computers, and every one of the group's 260 branches now has some kind of computer centre.

But Mark Souhami, managing director of the Dixons group retail division, admits that the way in which computers are marketed is still in an unstable state. "We have not positioned Dixons at this time," he says. "All we have done is identify that marketing computers is going to be extremely important to us because it interacts with other aspects of our business. We think this product is right at the core of what we are all about."

At present, Dixons believes the whole business is in a transient phase of educating the user, or even of identifying the user.

Later it will enter a stage where there is an informed, and aware purchaser, as with calculators and other products. "Then you will need a different type of marketing."

The target area which Dixons has staked out is essentially the high end of the home computer market and the low end of the business market. The company has no doubts that much of the action will be at the retail level, because as prices fall the acquisition of a computer will become a retail rather than a business purchase. "I doubt whether these days many people would dream of buying a calculator from an office equipment company," says Souhami.

But how does a group like Dixons, which until now has specialized in photographic equipment and consumer electronics, extend its scope to the strange new world of computer hardware and software? David



Mark Souhami: Educating the user

Gilbert, a Dixons senior product manager, explains three steps which the company has taken. "The most crucial thing," he says, "is that we must have salesmen in our shops capable of demonstrating the machine, and showing the customer the different applications. This is quite a complex exercise, because for each of the computers we sell there are different software packages, and different types of language."

MARKETING

Over a year ago, Dixons started sending sales staff on training courses, so that at least one member from each of the 260 branches is capable of programming a computer. "We don't pretend we've got very far along this route," admits Souhami. "There are 2,500 people out there, and it will take a long time to train them all. And there's definitely a generation gap with some of the older managers."

Next, Dixons decided it was essential to create an environment in the stores which is conducive to learning about computers. These computer centres are equipped with desks and chairs, and a range of computers and software packages with which customers can experiment. Trained staff is on hand to give assistance and advice.

This tackles what Souhami sees as one of the computer's key differences compared with other consumer products: "You have to be able to operate it in

the store," he explains. "With most products, the customer knows in advance what it will do, like a lawnmower. Or the demonstration is relatively simple, as with a television set or video recorder, or non-existent, as with a camera. But in order to be sold, a computer actually has to be used. There are considerable problems in that fact."

Inviting passers-by into your store to try out a computer can have its drawbacks. "A lot of people are just entertaining themselves," says Souhami. "We haven't cracked this problem. We are not being all-knowing about this, we are being very careful not to pontificate."

The third aspect of Dixons' strategy is software. As computers are not compatible with each other, separate software has to be stocked for each one. This could easily get out of hand, and Dixons has approached the problem in two ways.

"For each computer system we stock four, six or perhaps a dozen titles which we believe are the winners," says Gilbert. "They also span a large spectrum of interest."

To back this up, there is Dixons Software Express, a mail order service for computer and TV games software.

Sales are made by catalogue which lists more than 400 different titles. It is not all space games and Pac-Man, there's a good selection of educational software, too.

"A lot of software is junk," claims Ian Williams, a Dixons buyer. "We have tried to select the best - software which actually does something for the customer."

So far, he says, most home computers have been used mainly to play games, but he believes this is changing. "The main reason the consumer believes he is buying the product in the first place is to educate himself."

As educational software improves, it becomes possible to use the computer for this purpose. The Dixons catalogue includes teach-yourself software for programming, maths, foreign languages, and other areas of study, and a selection of "home office" applications like word processing.

Hewlett Packard takes the offensive

Worried that it may lose out on the personal computer market, Hewlett-Packard is geared up for an all-out attack, with a major internal reorganization and the launch of products which concentrate on high performance.

In terms of 1982 worldwide computer revenues, Hewlett-Packard lies seventh, behind IBM, DEC, Burroughs, NCR, Control Data and Sperry, but it believes that only IBM and DEC will retain their positions until 1986 because they have adapted to the micro market.

Hewlett-Packard aims to become number three by 1986, by gathering its diverse computer activities into five strategic areas which will focus on business development, personal computing, information networking, marketing, central processors and software.

This is contrary to the original policies laid down by the company's founders, which have proved successful in other areas such as scientific and medical instruments.

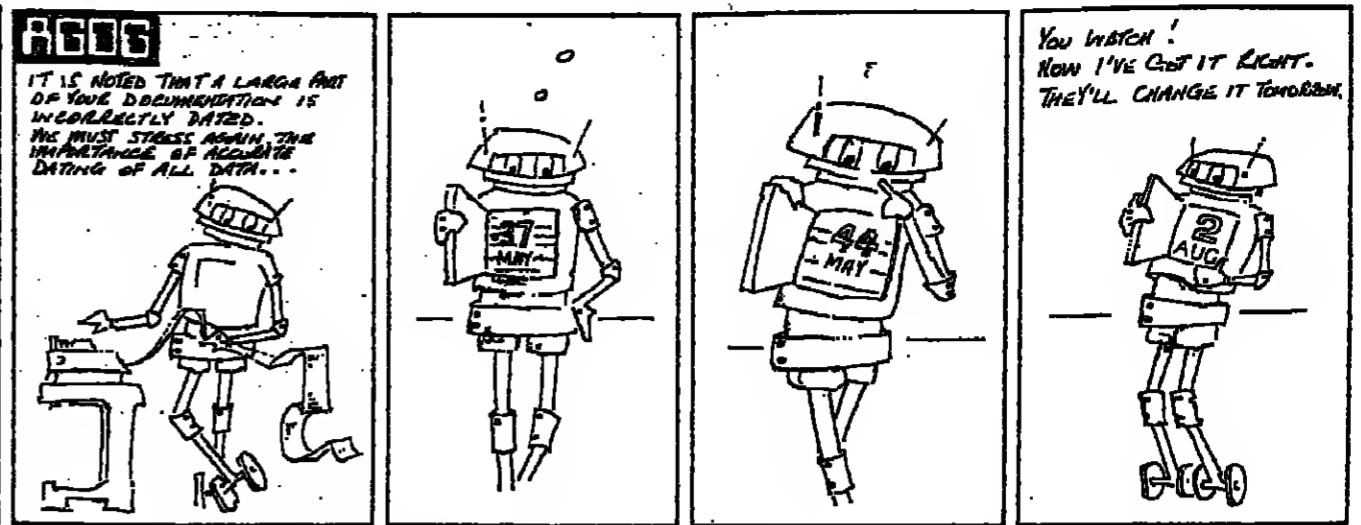
"The company consisted of small entities to foster internal competition," explained John Goding, head of the Business Development Group and former personal computer manager. "Our challenge is to re-focus without destroying our original attributes and reputation."

Hewlett-Packard's change of approach is to be matched by a new range of products.

Three additions to the HP3000 business computers range have been announced initially, to fill in current gaps and provide increased performance capabilities. These are the series 42 and 48, which offer improvements of 20-30% over the existing series 40 and 44, respectively, and the top-end series 68 capable of supporting 8Mbytes of memory, 400 terminals, 24 disc drives, and 24 intelligent network processors, which Hewlett-Packard claims offers up to a 100 per cent advance on the series 64.

Cash incentives are offered to encourage existing customers to upgrade to new models. The latest release of the HP Multi-Programming Executive operating systems may also prove an attraction. MPE-V supports concurrent processing with high-speed disc, caching of memory, and is available as an add-on to the recently-announced series 39 low-cost entry level system.

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Will Britain take the plunge?

THE WEEK

Clive Cookson

Britain is again being courted by the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics (IBI), the UNESCO affiliate responsible for developing computer technology in the Third World.

Julian Bogod, director of the United Kingdom Council for Computing Development, is championing IBI's cause in this country. At meetings with government officials and industry representatives he puts what he sees as the strong case for Britain joining the Rome-based organization.

Mr Bogod believes that the extremely ambitious billion dollar programme of information technology projects being planned by IBI really will take off (though probably not, he admits, quite at the \$100m level) and that the British computer industry would gain important new Third World markets if the United Kingdom takes part.

Less than a quarter of all United Kingdom members have joined IBI, and France, Italy and Spain are the only European participants. As a result, Mr Bogod says, the French and Italian computer industries will win business and goodwill in the developing world.

The Government considered joining IBI in 1980 and 1982 but decided not to take the plunge. There are several reasons for official scepticism about the organisation. For example:

● Doubts about whether IBI has the technical and managerial strengths that will be required for its ambitious programme;

● A feeling that IBI is so dominated by the French and Italians that Britain would have to make a disproportionate effort to bring its influence to bear;

● Belief that British efforts would be better concentrated on bilateral computer projects in specific developing countries;

Political distaste for an organisation, many of whose members have left-wing governments, whose major conferences are held in Cuba and whose director-general, Ferrn Barnasconi, is an Argentinian.

Some observers point out that IBI needs Britain much more than we need IBI. British membership would not only bring the organisation much needed funds (the United Kingdom subscription would be in the region of \$3m) but also persuade several other Commonwealth countries to join. Membership is currently skewed towards French and Spanish speaking countries in Africa and Latin America.

Worse still for IBI, the French Government - hard-pressed financially and committed to its own expensive Centre Mondiale in Paris - is threatening to withdraw.

Nonetheless, Mr Bogod believes IBI now has the managerial and technical skills to succeed. France would not really pull out because French industry is too closely involved already and because withdrawal would provoke a political outcry from French speaking members. And the one way to make certain that France remained in IBI would be for Britain to join.

IBI's budget rose from \$2.7m in 1977/78 to \$14.5m in 1981/82 as the organization began to change from a waffling shop to a body sponsoring practical projects and training computer staff from the Third World. Activity should build up on a larger scale from next year, when IBI is to hold a big conference in Havana with computer industry representatives to drum up more support. (The programme is called SPIN, for Strategies and Policies for Informatics.)

Ten major projects are already under way and in most cases IBI is providing about one third of the funding, with most coming from participating governments. The biggest is a \$4.9m project to establish a national legal information system for Argentina, based on one set up for the Italian Supreme Court. Others include a French-Tunisian project to create a computer system for developing applications in Arabic (\$900,000) and a Spanish-Cuban project to link Cuba into Spain's telephone network.

Although IBI was spawned by Unesco in 1974, it does not count as a proper United Nations agency. One important difference, apart from IBI's smaller size, is its close involvement with industry.

Mr Bogod believes that, apart from any altruistic motives for helping the Third World, the interests of the British computer

industry would be served best by joining IBI this year when it really needs us and we would gain maximum credit. If we wait until after the SPIN programme has taken off next year, he says, Britain will not get such favourable terms.

Nine second operation

SINCLAIR RESEARCH, the pioneering British home computer company, has launched the long delayed Microdrive for its Spectrum computer.

The £50 device, which is based on an entirely new type of tape cartridge, stores up to 85,000 characters (85K Bytes) of information and it can load a full programme into the Spectrum in nine seconds - an operation that takes several minutes from a conventional cassette.

The Microdrive will be made available by mail order first, to the 500,000 Spectrum owners in the order in which they bought their computers.

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"The HP3000 has saved us £50,000 a year - and that's just on label printing!"

- Gordon Pitt, K Shoes Ltd.

Would you consult a computer manufacturer on product labelling? K Shoes did. Now they're in the forefront of an industry-wide move to provide bar-coded stock, with practical applications in retailing and wholesaling. They're also saving £50,000 a year on printing costs!

K Shoes is that rarity - a successful British shoe manufacturer. They sell up to five million pairs a year

from their ranges for men, women and children and offer the widest range of shoe sizes and fittings in Europe.

Problem: Preparing 24,000 box labels a day with hundreds of size, colour and coding variations.

The solution: An HP 3000 business computer driving an HP laser printer. As well as printing all the right details of each pair of shoes, it adds useful refinements like a digitised drawing of the shoe, and a tear-off stock-control slip.

Systems and Computer Services Manager, Gordon Pitt, says: "The HP system was the only one that could do what we wanted. The fact that it could do it faster, better and cheaper than the old ways was a very nice bonus indeed."

You too will see results you can measure.

Using an HP 3000 for labelling shoes is just one example of the way Hewlett-Packard computers produce measurable results in specific business applications.

But the HP 3000 Series computers are not just dedicated systems. They're full-capability business computers. They can support one user - or 144 users. They're designed to be the heart of HP's Interactive Office, where word processing, electronic mail, business graphics, personal filing and time management can all be integrated with your data processing.

Talking business with Hewlett-Packard.

When you open up discussions with HP you're talking face to face with a world leader in business computation. But one with a very personal approach to business problem-solving. Massive, dedicated resources support our equipment. A powerful service organisation supports you.

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The HP book of solutions.

Whether you need a computer to help run your business, make decisions, or to do specific complex tasks - Hewlett-Packard has the solutions - and the people that can bring them quickly and effectively to the place you work. There's a free booklet about them. For your copy write to: Pat Warland, Hewlett-Packard Ltd, Nine Mile Ride, Easthampstead, Wokingham, Berks., RG11 3LL.



About HP in the UK*
Size: Among the top 500 UK companies. Turnover: £168 m.
Current growth rate: 42% p.a. UK employees: 2,400.
1982 capital expenditure: £8.8 m.
*AS QUOTED IN HEWLETT-PACKARD LIMITED'S 1982 REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

Bringing solutions to the place you work.



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Oxford class list and university news

The following Class List has been issued at Oxford... Final Honours results... Faculty of Arts... Faculty of Sciences... Faculty of Divinity...

Manchester and UMIST

The following first-class honours have been awarded... Faculty of Arts... Faculty of Sciences... Faculty of Engineering...

Regional Chairmen and Chairmen of Social Security Appeal Tribunals

The Lord Chancellor invites barristers, advocates or solicitors of not less than 7 years' standing to apply for full-time appointments as Regional Chairmen or full-time Chairmen of Social Security Appeal Tribunals...

Barrister or Solicitor

This is a senior appointment in the office of the Secretary to the Council of the Stock Exchange. The person appointed will be expected to provide legal advice on a wide range of matters relating to the Stock Exchange...



The Stock Exchange

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Legal Appointments also on page 22

Newly Qualified Solicitor with partnership prospects. SW London. Circa £10,000+car. Our client is a medium sized suburban firm, with an office in Lincoln's Inn and has a total of 8 partners and 80 staff...

CARTER & COMPANY BANKING. Progressive practice requires the solicitor with view to expanding existing practice and opening further branch offices...

CONVEYANCER required. Admitted or unadmitted. Salary according to age and experience. Please apply to Office Manager on 01-4844114.

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Assistant Legal Adviser Newcastle Upon Tyne. British Shipbuilders wish to appoint a solicitor or barrister to the Corporation's Headquarters in Newcastle Upon Tyne. The Legal Department deals with major commercial litigation and contractual and financial negotiations...

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DEATHS... RICHARDSON - On July 29, 1983, at St. Mary's Hospital, London, the late Mr. Richard...

BIRTHS... AWOYO - On July 29, at August Hospital, Lagos, Nigeria, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Awoyo...

MEMORIAL SERVICES... SCOTT - The memorial service for the late Mr. James Scott will be held at St. Andrew's Church...

ANNOUNCEMENTS... BRITANNIA BARGAINS 27 AUG UP TO £160 OFF... Self-serve glass bottles in beautiful setting...

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Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

- 6.00 Cestaf AM News headlines, weather, traffic and sports details. Also available to viewers with television sets without the latest facility.

tv-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Martin Wainwright. News from 7.30. 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30.

ITV/LONDON

- 8.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 News at Ten. The wildlife of Rwanda. The wildfowl of the Bahamas.

BBC 2

- 6.05 Open University: Modern Art: Guernica. 6.30 Oceanography: Ceramics. 6.55 Biology: Feeding Mechanisms.

CHANNEL 4

- 5.30 A Full Life. In the first of a new series of interviews with people who have led a long and varied life.

CHOICE

Health Service in a LOTTERY FOR LIFE (TV 10.30pm). Dr Stoppard reveals the life-saving treatment for kidney failure patients depends on where the patient lives.

THE WINE PROGRAMME

(Channel 4 8.30pm) in which she successfully manages to educate the viewer without recourse to the pompous rhetoric that is sometimes associated with wine buffs.

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.30 Mozart: Fantasia in F minor (K380). 9.45 BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gunther Herbig.

Radio 2

- News on the hour every hour (except 10.05 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. weekdays).

Radio 1

- News on the half hour from 8.00am until 8.30pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00.

World Service

- 6.00 Newsweek. 6.30 Jazz for the Aiding. 7.00 World News. 7.30 Today-Four Hours.

Radio 4

- 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping. 6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Queen.

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Elizabeth Culliford (Three Romantic Waltzes).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

- CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am 3-21 Contact. 10.00 Morning Show. 10.30 Free Time. 10.55 Country Practice.

TYNE TEES

- As London except: 9.25am-9.30 News. 10.25 Film: Navy Lark (Cecil Parker).

HTV WALES

- As HTV West except at Six: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

ENTERTAINMENTS

- AMBASSADORS THEATRE 696 Tottenham Court Road. 7.30. 8.00. 8.30. 9.00. 9.30. 10.00. 10.30. 11.00.

OPERA & BALLET

- COLLEGE OF MUSIC 51 St. James's Place. 7.30. 8.00. 8.30. 9.00. 9.30. 10.00. 10.30. 11.00.

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US angry at 'bias' over air fares

By Michael Baily Transport Editor The British Government is being accused on both sides of the Atlantic of artificially keeping up Atlantic air and routing American law to ease the path to British Airways, towards privatization.

In the past weeks the Government or the Civil Aviation Authority have refused an application by British Atlantic Airways, a new airline formed partly by former Laker staff, to start a new London to New York service at a £329 nine-way business-class fare compared with £438 on British Airways.



Gun law: Soldiers on guard in Colombo

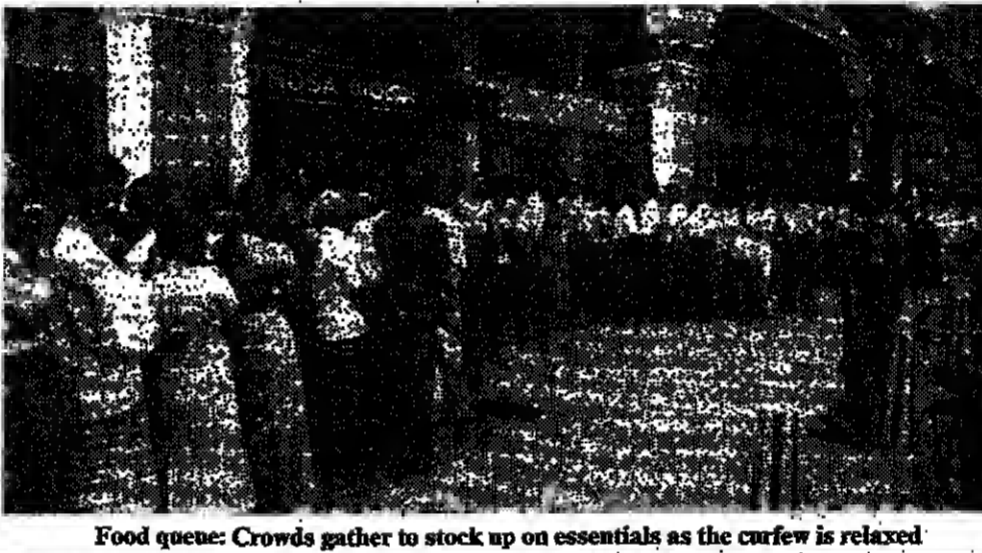
Britons tell of holiday terror in Sri Lanka

Continued from page 1 A group of three Tamils. They caught one, beat him up, threw him to the ground and stoned him. I don't know if he died.

good deal (Michael Hamlyn writes). Press photography was yesterday banned and journalists will no longer be allowed to move freely during curfews.



Street trade: A fish seller south of the capital has trebled his prices



Food queue: Crowds gather to stock up on essentials as the curfew is relaxed

Letter from Santiago

Two faces of Cuba and a Castro pep talk

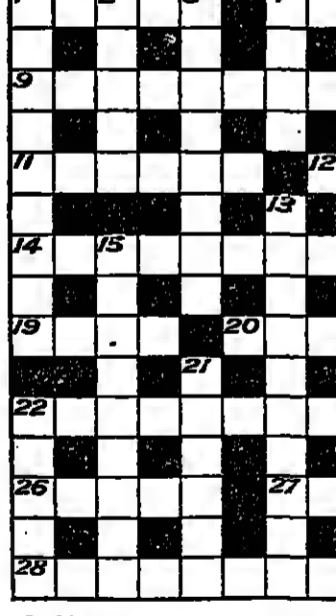
Fidel Castro's Cuba had an anniversary to celebrate and opened its doors to the world for the festivities. Cuba also had its carnival, the yearly burst of dancing, drinking and dressing up in costumes that goes back to the country's Spanish and African past.

Today's events

Royal engagements Princess Anne, Patron of the Royal Lyttoning Yacht Club, attends the Admiral's Cup Trophy Race, arriving at Christchurch Bay, Hampshire, 9.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,197

This puzzle, used at the London A regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship, was solved within 30 minutes by 3 per cent of the finalists.



ACROSS 1 Born with a duty to give more mercy (5).

TV top ten

- National top ten television programmes in the week ending July 29. 1 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada, 12.05pm.

Roads

London and South-east: Overnight thunderstorms surface water on all main roads in region, making them extremely hazardous.

Weather forecast

A NW airstream will cover Britain with a ridge of high pressure approaching from W. Gales to midnight.

The papers

The Daily Express complains about England having to wait so long for Government action against local authorities which consistently over-charge on their rates.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations like London, Edinburgh, and Newcastle.

Pollen forecast

Table showing pollen counts for various locations like Aberdeen, Glasgow, and London.

Yesterday

Table showing temperatures at various locations like Belfast, Birmingham, and London.

Highest and lowest

Table showing the highest and lowest temperatures recorded at various locations.

Down 1 Rubbish about doctor gets a measure of surprise (9).

2 Pushed forward with ascent about two points (5).

3 Drinking seconds - quite happy (8).

4 This rock's no good (4).

5 Warden dances with odd boys (10).

6 "You" that habit as thy purse can buy" (Hamlet) (6).

7 Goes on about football crowd of vagabonds (9).

8 Newspaper puts ambassador in place (5).

9 In one or two words, what Adam was in original sin (10).

Pollution award

The Royal Society of Arts, Department of the Environment, and Confederation of British Industry have launched a new awards scheme for innovations in pollution abatement.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Australia, Austria, and Belgium.

First aid hints

St John Ambulance provides first aid hints by tape recording on summer ailments, including insect bites, burns and heat exhaustion.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions across different regions of Britain.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions in various international locations.

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